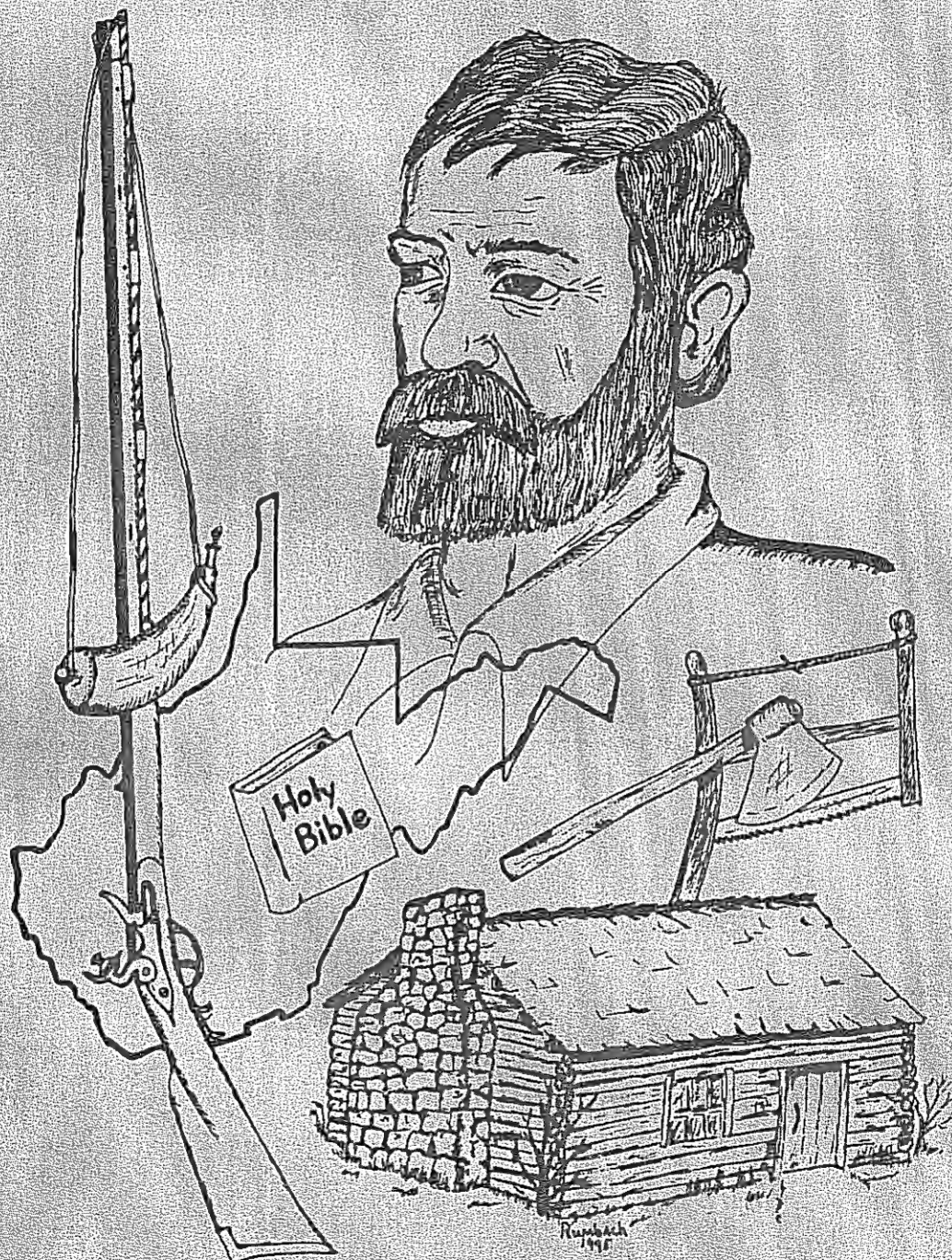


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Jots From Joy

Hello everyone!

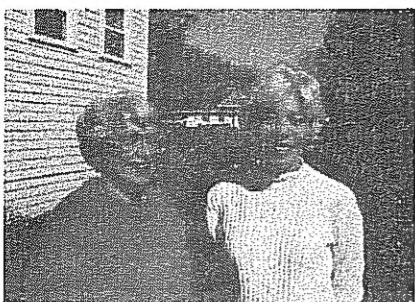
There has been a lot of activity around here this summer and fall. Besides the events covered in "Happenings at HCPD" elsewhere in this issue, we have participated in the Roane County, WV, Genealogy Fair (Nettie GREGORY took our books to that), the German Festival in Sistersville on October 19 (Mary CREAMER and Maurice ALLMAN represented us there), and the 7th Annual WV Storytelling Festival at Jackson's Mill. Mary CREAMER, Barbara SWISHER McCARTY, and I operated the concession stand for HCPD; and Randall and Betty NICHOLSON sold cider and donuts during the Friday night Ghost Story session.

Molly LAMB, our cleaner-upper person (maintenance) will host our Fall Yard Sale the third week of October at the library; and plans are underway for our annual Christmas party in December. Meanwhile, we are selling raffle chances for the 100 books we are giving away and we have a roast beef dinner scheduled for November 3.

What else is new?

The late Hartzel STRADER and I were compiling a list of persons buried in the Weston State Hospital's three cemeteries. All but a dozen or so of the five or six thousand burials there have no gravestones and the state is not permitted (because of patient privacy laws) to release their list of burials. Consequently, Hartzel and I were extracting these for official records. The problem is that the Lewis County Death Records at the courthouse in Weston do not list place of burial for two or three decades; however, this information is on the death certificates which were sent to Charleston. So, while somewhat complicated, I have been extracting probable names from the certificate index on my occasional visits to the State Archives. I then use this index to request certain certificates. It is a slow and arduous process that could be improved by HCPD having a copy of these state index microfilms. Just today we received a copy of these; we purchased these with some of the money that was donated to HCPD in Hartzel's memory. Now, I can move forward.

HCPD is providing technical and secretarial support for West Virginia History Day that will be held February 27, 2003, at the Capitol Complex in Charleston. The sponsoring organizations will cover the costs of these activities.



Prose from the Prez

by Mary Sleeth CREAMER

Greetings, Everyone!

I wanted all of you to know how honored I am to have been elected to be your new President. I would like to encourage each of you to feel free to communicate to me your ideas, your concerns, and your desires for the direction of HCPD.

I have enjoyed planning the last several Gatherings and getting to know those of you who attend Gatherings, volunteer at the library, participate on HCPD-L, come to lock-ins and workshops, and/or attend and/or work for our fundraisers. I wish I could meet you all, just as I wish everyone had the opportunity to come to Horner.

I'm not sure that HCPD is ready for the combination of Mary CREAMER (left in picture) and Barb PALMER (right). Barb and I have known each other since childhood and, as so often happens in HCPD, share some common ancestry (surprisingly enough, not through the SLEETHs.) We both bring a lot of energy and ideas with us to our new offices. Hopefully, we can come up with some fresh new ideas. We ask for your help.

In the future, I will be using this column for a variety of purposes- the main idea being to keep every member a little more involved in the actual workings of HCPD and to elicit your opinions.

This time, my question involves a possible project. A few years ago, the folks on HCPD-L undertook a quilt project with several people creating squares of their choosing and member Miriam LOOKER piecing it together. This wonderful quilt, following generally a "My Ancestors" theme was raffled off with the drawing held at Gathering. The winner was member Paula CURRAN of Virginia who enjoyed the quilt for a year and then graciously donated it back to HCPD. It now hangs in our library. Question: would anyone out there in "Journal Land" be interested in project with the same theme? Or- do you have another idea for a group project that can involve people all across the land?

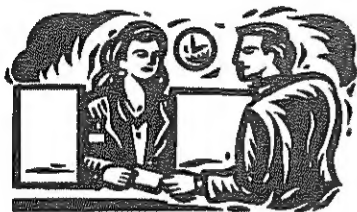
Please feel free to write or e-mail me at any time on any HCPD subject. I have been having a little problem receiving e-mail, so if I don't respond to you in just a couple of days, please try me at GodivaM@yahoo.com. Otherwise, I am GodivaM@adelphia.net or at 446 Park Street, Morgantown, WV 26501.

Esther Freeman 1919-2002

Esther FREEMAN, 83, charter member of HCPD, retired teacher and resident of Barber County, Kansas, passed away on 11 September 2002. She was born 28 March 1919 in Commanche County, KS, to the late Everett Forrest PHILLIPS and Nancy Nevada May SEPTER. On 1 August 1942 she married Orville Murray FREEMAN who passed away on 19 Jul 1995. She was survived by daughter and son-in-law Lesta and Bob ESSER of Riverton, Wy, two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren, and one brother. She was interred at Lake City Cemetery, Lake City, Kansas.

Esther researched the HORNER, FLESHER, WARD, and FREEMAN families.

HCPD extends our collective sympathies to Esther's family.



NEW OFFICERS & E-MAIL ADDRESSES

Our new officers were elected at the Annual Meeting in August and assumed their duties on October 1. Mary SLEETH CREAMER <GodivaM@adelphia.net> is our president; Barb PLATTENBURG PALMER <barb@iolinc.net> is vice president; Nettie ROBINSON GREGORY <ngregory@neumedia.net> is secretary; and Cary WILLIAMS is treasurer <his e-mail address is changing - I'll let you know>. Randall and Betty Ann NICHOLSON are co-editors of the Journal. Randall is the board member. Their e-mail is nicholsonba@citynet.net. Other board members are: Maurice ALLMAN <AllmanMnB@aol.com>, David ARMSTRONG <frankensteinjr@meer.net>; Robin SMITH LIGHT <rlight@citynet.net>; Eva NEWLON enew109@aol.com; Tom KEENAN keenan@ntelos.net; and Marlene TENNEY who does not have e-mail. Irma CURTIS is our librarian and her e-mail is new hcpdlib@hackerscreek.com. Ruth HIGHLAND, our office secretary, also has a new e-mail address. It is hcpd2@hackerscreek.com.

CAMPSITES AVAILABLE

Coming to Central WV from somewhere else? Have a camper? HCPD has 4 sites equipped with electricity and water adjacent TO the library that are available to members. Showers are in THE library and available during daytime hours. Call 304.269.7091 for further information.

BET THIS WOULDN'T HAPPEN TODAY!

Richard REED and Marion (REED) REED were married just before Christmas 1947 in Glenville where both were students at Glenville College. They went to Quantico, Virginia, for their honeymoon and to spend Christmas with Richard's parents, Hoyt and Eva REED. They returned to Glenville and school on the Cincinnati. Two weeks later they received this letter from The Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company.

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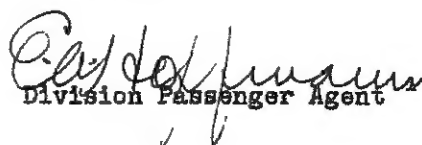
On the seventh day of January 1830, our agent at Pratt Street, Baltimore, Maryland, sold a ticket to Mount Clare, through the Carrollton Viaduct, for the sum of nine cents - the first instance in the United States where a railroad was operated for public use. I am sure our agent, probably adorned with beaver hat and pre-Victorian mustache, said "Thank You" to our very first patron.

More than a century has passed since that historic day. Through all that time the management of the Baltimore and Ohio, America's First Railroad, has felt that our first agent's "Thank You" should be incorporated as an integral part of our policy. It is such a pleasant thing to say that we delight in following, at every opportunity, the example set by our first agent.

Having been advised by our Stewardess-Nurse of your recent trip on our CINCINNATIAN, we wish to express our sincere appreciation for your patronage.

We trust that you found our service satisfactory to the extent that you will want to tell your friends about your trip, and recommend its use when they travel. Thank you!

Sincerely,


Division Passenger Agent

HACKER'S CREEK HAPPENINGS



Marlene TENNEY & Glen GAMBLE,
our answer to the "American Gothic."

At the 2002 Annual Gathering, our 21st annual gathering, we learned that you, our members, really wanted to know the daily (well, almost daily) happenings at Hacker's Creek. Consequently, our executive director is posting the events of the month on HCPD-L as she can; and, an abbreviated version will be included here for all to share.

- Ruth HIGHLAND, our office secretary, was out of the office for several weeks this summer with a health problem that has tentatively been diagnosed as multiple sclerosis (MS). This disease is one of the most difficult to diagnose. Ruth will undergo further studies in the months ahead to assist the doctors with a more positive diagnosis. Meanwhile, Ruth has returned to work on a reduced schedule of hours. We wish her well and hope that life is better soon.

- Just after gathering, our newest board member, Tom KEENAN, gave us a newly rebuilt and faster computer to replace a slow one we had in the library. In late August he installed a CD burner in it. Later, Chris HIGHLAND (Ruth's son) plugged it into our network for us. A couple of months ago, using grant money that could only be used for computer upgrades, Chris installed our network/hub. It works wonderfully well. And this faster computer is going to make another huge difference. Oh yes, at the gathering, someone questioned the new computers we have received recently. Please know that all computers acquired or upgraded in past 3 or 4 years have been donated or purchased with grant money that was given to us with strings attached. The "strings" said that the grant money could only be used for computers.

- We waited about six weeks for the Journals to come back from the printer. Our printer, Lewis County Printing, is the printer who does football programs and other stuff for several schools in the area. And, school was starting and the football season was underway. We use this particular printer for reasons of \$\$\$\$\$. She gives us the best deal financially and, at the same time, gives us some

handsome donations. She donates and imprints all of our regular mailing envelopes

- The Lewis County Gospel Sing was held in our community room on August 17, September 21, and October 19. (They make a nice donation for the privilege of using the room.) Attendance has been good. . . and the most recent one in October was exceptionally well attended. HCPD sells refreshments at the event. Menu items include hot dogs, homemade soup, desserts, coffee, soft drinks. May and Charles **WHITE** and Joy Stalnaker and Daril **STALNAKER** oversee the event!

- On Wednesday, August 21, the Preservation Alliance of WV used our community room for a meeting place. This group works to educate citizens of WV about the economic importance and historic importance of preserving our structures and sites.

- The next day, our volunteer plumbers and life members Arch **NISSEL** and Rose **NISSEL** fixed a water leak in one of the bathrooms. Thanks, folks. The same day, members Bernadette **LAW** and Raydine **TEICHEIRA** helped with refreshments for a meeting held at Stonewall Jackson Lake where some potential adaptive reuses of the historic Weston State Hospital were released to the public by the Weston Hospital Task Force. This Task Force, appointed by Governor Underwood in 2000 and confirmed by Governor Wise in 2001, is managing a Save America's Treasures grant from the state and federal governments to find a suitable reuse for the hospital and to preserve it for future generations. Our executive director, Joy **STALNAKER**, chairs the Task Force. HCPD benefits from this partnership in myriad ways. We provide some support and are reimbursed for expenses. In addition, we host Task Force meetings and earn \$\$\$ by serving lunch to those in attendance at the meetings.

- The Stonewall Jackson Heritage Arts and Crafts Jubilee is held at Jackson's Mill, boyhood home of you know who and the world's first 4-H camp, every Labor Day weekend. Nearly 100,000 people from all over the East Coast attend this 4 day event. To learn more about it, visit <http://www.jubileewv.com/> HCPD participates in this event as a vendor. Until last year, we partnered with the local Lions Club. Beginning in 2001, we have been on our own.

This event is our single biggest fundraiser of the year. We sell books which are about, by, or directly connected to WV in some way, most of which we purchase from two in-state vendors and sarsaparilla (sassparilly) {tastes like rootbeer, you've heard about it on the old western movies). In 2001, we grossed about \$7000. Our net was about 48% of that.

This year we had gross sales of +\$12,000 in sarsaparilla and books. Volunteers gave 240+ hours and earned approximately \$12.75/hour net for HCPD. . . that means we had over \$3000 in profit. I know that seems like a small amount compared to \$12,000. But remember. . . our cost for products was 60% of the \$12K and we had to pay a percentage to the Jubilee (10% on sarsaparilla sales and 15% on books). Then it cost us about \$175 for truck rental and gas to get the sarsaparilla from Morgantown. The truck had to be big enough to haul 5400 bottles (225 cases) of sarsaparilla and that kind of truck doesn't come cheap!

Doing this event requires some combination of people to fill 60 separate shifts. This year, in addition to help from in-state members, Marian **LOOKER** traveled from Wisconsin, Joyce **CHAMBERS** from Indiana, and Bud, Dolly, and Terry **BURNSIDE** from Indiana to help out.

If you live in West Virginia and/or plan to visit Lewis County over Labor Day weekend in 2003 and if you would like to join Matt Dillon (Fred **RADABAUGH**), Miss Kitty (Nettie **GREGORY**) or Chestarina (Kim **MULNEIX**) in selling 'sassparilly" in the Long Branch Salon (we don't have a saloon), then let Joy know. You will be given a pass to Jubilee and can look around and enjoy all activities before and/or after your shift is complete.

- Board of directors meetings were held on Friday, September 5, 6 p.m., and Saturday, October 5. Minutes of these meetings are available upon request. The November meeting is scheduled for Friday, November 1. There is not board meeting in December. The January meeting will be held on Saturday, January 4. Members are welcome to attend. If you plan to be in town on the first weekend of the month and would like to attend, check with the office staff for exact time of meeting.

- In accordance with HCPD personnel policy, Ruth and Joy take turns on holidays. One time, she works the holiday and Joy takes it off; then later in the week, she takes the day off and I work. Joy was off on Columbus Day. Ruth took the following Friday off.

- On September 10 and again on October 8, Irma **CURTIS**, Robin **LIGHT**, and Mabel **TINNEY** were the kitchen help to serve lunch to members of the Weston Hospital Task Force. In September, Irma and Robin donated the food and did the cooking; Irma made steak sandwiches and Robin made a yummy dessert; in October, I made veggie soup and the girls fixed grilled cheese. Dessert was cookies that Raydine made. We served 20 people in these two meals. . . at \$5/person, we made \$100 for HCPD. These meals are paid in advance by another non-profit group in town. They give us \$300 in a lump sum. I keep

track of meals served at \$5 each. When that \$\$\$ is spent, they give us another check.

- The Weston High School Class of 1942 held their reunion at the library on Saturday, September 21. Member Bob and Alice LYNCH were the hosts for this. Alice prepared the food. HCPD received a nice donation for their use of the building.

- Beginning in August, we had some problems with our Tektronic printer. This printer was donated to us by Xerox and continues to be ours to use as long as we make 2100 copies a month on it and share the fact that we have the printer with other non-profits. So far, two organizations that we have told about this printer have opted to get one for themselves. If you are a part of some non-profit (501c3) organization and you think the organization might be interested in one, let Ruth HIGHLAND or Joy know. We will let you know what to do to apply for one. We can verify that their service is great! They come all the way from Pittsburgh to fix it and they were here the very next day. It worked okay for a week or so and then had another problem. That time they came the same day! Great service! Joy recommends this to any organization that qualifies!

- The first Wednesday in September and again on October 16, the Horner CEO (Extension Homemakers) used our meeting room for their monthly meeting. The presidents of all the clubs in the county (CEOS County Council) met here back in August; and the Horner Club held a work session here on October 21. As a thank you, the Horner Club presented us with a new electric roaster and a large cooking kettle for the kitchen.

- The Horner Busy Bees meet in our community room at various times. In October they had a really nice display for National 4-H week. Leaders of the club are Molly LAMB (our maintenance person) and Donna SQUIRES (Donna and family mow the Smith Run Cemetery for us). This club is very active and wins many awards each year. We are proud to have them meet in our facility.

- On Tuesday, October 15, Joy and the volunteers served lunch to a dozen people from the Forest Heritage program. They come from all over the state. We served spaghetti, salad, and hickory nut cake, plus drinks and realized \$75 in profit. (The food was all donated.)

- HCPD and the Berlin Rebekah Lodge worked together with Christopher and Johnathan GUM, Randi TINNEY and Brandy MEAHL to collect over 8 gallon of pop tabs for the Ronald McDonald House. The children, assisted by their parents, made a trip to the Ronald McDonald House in Morgantown where they donated the pop tabs in the names of the two organizations.

The kids first became interested in helping Ronald McDonald house after a friend had an accident and stayed at the house for his treatments.

Christopher and Johnathan, pictured in front below, are the sons of Todd and Joyce GUM of Camden and the grandsons of Bill and Martha GUM of Churchville and Jane (TINNEY) DUNCAN of Berlin. Christopher attends 2nd grade at Peterson-Central Grade School and Johnathan attends preschool at Sissy's Cares in Weston..

Randi (left) and Brandy are the daughters of Butch and Beth MEAHL of Jane Lew and the granddaughters of Mabel TINNEY of Berlin. Brandy attends 8th grade at South Harrison Middle School and Randi TINNEY attends 4th grade at West Milford Elementary.



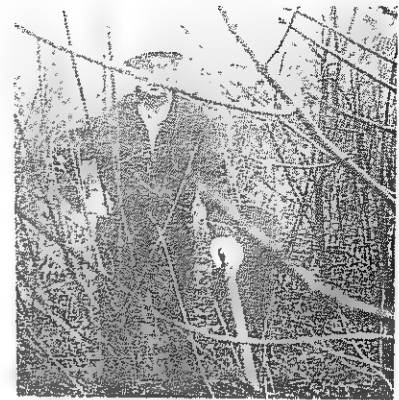
And, as our old friend Porky Pig used to say,

That's all folks!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! 'till we have more happenings at HCPD -

Cemeteries 101: an Overview of Tools and Techniques for Basic Cemetery Rehabilitation

by Joanna WILSON

Cemeteries are often considered to be places of rest and contemplation, their serene settings serving as peaceful environments for quiet reflection. For many people, however, an unkempt cemetery has the opposite effect. The sight of rampant weed growth, browned and brittle flowers, and human litter brings out the urge to tidy and restore. The presence of vandalism in the form of overturned or broken stones only reinforces this response. As a result, many previously neglected historic cemeteries have been restored and are maintained by both individuals and groups of like-minded preservationists.



HCPDer Clive WEST helping clean Morrison Cemetery, Jane Lew, November 1982. Now, twenty years later it is maintained through donations received at HCPD.

In order for such projects to be successful, however, a certain degree of preparation is necessary. Activities undertaken with the best intentions but without adequate planning can often have disastrous consequences for the cemetery and, occasionally, the restorer. As with any undertaking, it is best to research the techniques you wish to use and develop a solid plan before setting foot in your cemetery of choice. Keep in mind that restoration does not necessarily mean returning a cemetery to its original condition. Tilting headstones and eroding inscriptions are part of the character achieved through time, and should not be seen as items to be "fixed."

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For your first activity it may be best to select a small cemetery so that you are not overwhelmed by your own project. Make certain that you have the landowner's permission to access the cemetery. Talk to friends and family about forming a "restoration team," or approach a church or community group

with same idea. Once you've selected a cemetery and formed your "team," the following tips may help you to plan your project. For the purposes of this article, only basic restoration techniques will be discussed.

Safety should be your first concern in planning your activities. Make sure that everyone involved is both capable of physical labor and familiar with any potentially dangerous tools. Bring a cooler with plenty of water, and pack sunscreen, first aid and snakebite kits, insect repellent, and flashlights in your vehicle. A brimmed hat, sturdy boots, pants, long-sleeved shirts, and work gloves are items that all team members should have. Finally, be aware that neglected cemeteries, like any overgrown area, are likely to harbor hazards such as stinging insects, snakes, hidden depressions, old barbed-wire fencing and other dangerous items. Team members must exercise caution at all times

Once you have selected a cemetery, found a team, and dealt with safety issues, it is time to plan your project. In many cases, simply removing overgrowth can drastically improve the appearance of a historic cemetery. Keep in mind, however, that clearing a cemetery is not like mowing a lawn. Older cemeteries contain stones and markers of all shapes and sizes, some of which may have fallen and none of which are located in nice straight lines. As well, be aware that many of the plants you may find growing on and around gravesites were placed there purposefully. These may include vinca vine, periwinkle, ivy, lilies, yucca, cedars, and willow, and such plants should be left in place. Take some time to research local cemeteries and become familiar with local burial customs.

When organizing your team, be sure to discuss the need for careful clearing as metal tools can easily scratch, gouge, or even break older and more fragile stones. If you wish to clear a cemetery, plan to work exclusively with hand tools until you are certain that all stones have been located. For a project such as this you may need the following items: pinflags or flagging tape for marking stone locations, machetes, hand clippers, a small bow saw, rakes with plastic or bamboo tines, and garbage bags.

Before tackling your project, take photographs of the cemetery in its current condition. These will serve as a reference for future projects. Once this is done it is time to determine the locations of all headstones and other grave markers. Beginning with a known or presumed boundary, work your way carefully and methodically through the cemetery. Mark the location of anything that might be a grave marker with pinflags, flagging tape or other highly visible material. DO NOT use spray paint or whitewash, as these cannot be removed from stone. When you are finished, photograph the cemetery again from various angles for your records.

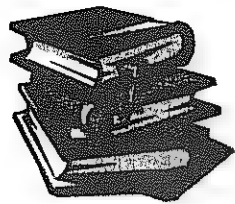
Once all markers and potential markers have been identified the process of clearing the cemetery may begin. Starting at your original boundary, work slowly from stone to stone, removing your pinflags or tape as you go. Weeds and grass growing immediately adjacent to a stone or marker should be pulled by hand to avoid nicking the stone with metal blades. Plants such as mosses, lichens, and ivies may be attached to stones, and should not be removed as the process can easily cause the stone itself to flake away. Once the immediate growth is cleared, surrounding growth may be removed with scissors or hand clippers. Be sure to clear a wide swath around each stone before utilizing any swing blade or machete. String trimmers may be used to clear large areas if no stones or markers are in evidence. Mowers are not recommended as they tend to fling small objects that may harm grave markers. Saplings and small-diameter trees may be removed using the bow saw, and should be cut as close to the ground surface as possible. Do not uproot trees, and avoid removing trees that do not immediately threaten the stability of grave markers. Grass clippings, weeds and other debris can be raked up and bagged as the project progresses. Finally, dust all stones and markers with soft-bristled brush to remove any clippings and prevent moisture retention and possible staining.

As your project draws to a close, take a final series of photographs to document the work that you have done. Do not become discouraged if your project cannot be completed in a day, or if the results are not as spectacular as you had imagined. Cemetery restoration is truly a labor of love and, as with worthwhile endeavor, takes both time and patience. It also requires maintenance, so ask your team members to help develop a long-term maintenance plan. This may be as simple as visiting your cemetery once a month to pick up trash, cut weeds, and monitor the condition of headstones and markers. Such visitation offers you the opportunity to observe your work in all seasons and invite new people to join in your activities, and may serve as a deterrent to vandalism. For advice regarding local cemeteries and to reach people with similar interests, contact your local genealogical or historical society. The internet can also be an excellent source of information regarding cemetery preservation. Two helpful and comprehensive sites are www.rootsweb.com and www.gravestonestudies.org, both of which have forums for questions and discussion.

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ANNUAL GATHERING PLANS

Make plans now to attend the "From Sea to Shining Sea" Annual Gathering of HCPD August 7-10, 2003, at Horner, West Virginia. It is not too early to make your motel reservations. You can always cancel them, but you can't reserve rooms that are not there!



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Stories and queries for publication in future HC Journals are wanted and invited. Manuscript should be typed and all pictures should have identities. You may also submit a computer disk with your story . . . in fact, we would love to have your story in electroic format. Send your story to HCPD, 45 Abbotts Run Road, Horner, WV 26372.

GENEALOGICAL DICTIONARY

Editor's Note: At least three times during the past twenty years, HCPD member and Illinois attorney Dennis RODGERS has presented workshops at the Annual Gathering to help us understand "legalese" - those words we see in deeds and other court records as we work on our family history. The following dictionary was prepared by Doris Roney BOWERS and was used with her permission and submitted to us by Dennis.

- abstract -- (verb) to take away; remove; summarize
noun) a brief statement of the essential thoughts or facts of a book, article, speech, court record, document, etc.; summary
- abstract of title--a condensed history of the title to land
- acquit ---- to pay off, to discharge obligation completely
- administrator --- a person who has the legal authority given to him to administer the affairs of an estate.
- alien ---- (noun) one born in a foreign country, not naturalized; not a citizen
(verb) to transfer land
- align, aline --- to bring into agreement, close co-operation, etc.
- ancestor --- one from whom a person is descended
- appellant he who takes an appeal, as from a judicial decision, to a higher court
- appellate appellate jurisdiction refers to all reviews of cases from inferior (lower) courts
- appraiser one given authority to decide value of goods, property, etc.
- appraisal valuation of property by one who is authorized
- apprentice-- a learner
- appurtenance--- a thing added to a more important thing; something pertaining or attached to property that passes in ownership with it (building, right-of-way, etc.)
- assignee --- one to whom an assignment is made; a person to whom a claim, right, property, etc., is transferred legally
- attest ---- to bear witness, to affirm
- banns of marriage --- the word "bann" is derived from the Saxon word "Bannen" meaning to proclaim; therefore, this means publication of intended marriage.
- base line an imaginary line running east and west from an initial point used in surveying the public domain
- behoof ---- behalf, benefit, interest, sake
- bequest --- a testamentary gift of personal or real property
- bona fide -- good. faith, without fraud or deceit

- bounty ---- a reward, premium, or allowance given by a government for certain service performed
- bounty land--portion of the public domain given to soldiers for military service by way of bounty, in place of money payment
- census ---- a numbering of the people, an official count by the government
- chain a unit of measure equal to 66 feet
- chattel ---- any item of movable or immovable property except real estate; the freehold
- circuit court --- formerly, a Federal court, now a local court, presided over by a judge
- codicil --- an instrument made subsequently to a will which modifies it or adds to it in some respect (often used to update a will)
- collateral - designating an obligation or security attached to another; security
- collateral lines--descended from the same ancestors, but in a different line, as Franklin D. Roosevelt and Theodore Roosevelt were collateral relatives.
- col. "Colored" (Negro) person; also "Man of Col.". Often found in censuses and other records in the Southern U.S.
- common pleas --- name of a court (Court of Common Pleas); pleas between subjects as opposed to crown pleas
- consort ---- companion, spouse (wife or husband)
- convey ---- to transfer
- covenant --- a written promise or agreement between two persons
- crying a sale; crier --- services of~ an auctioneer holding public auction; auctioneer
- curator ---- (1) a person appointed temporarily, such as a sheriff or other public officer, until the administrator of the estate is named
(2) a guardian appointed for minors or incompetents
(3) a person who has charge, as of a museum, library, etc.
- decedent --- deceased person, testate or intestate
- decree ---- an order or sentence of a court of equity determining some right affecting the merit of a cause, an order of the court
- dedimus ---- a writ to commission a private person to do some act in place of a judge, as to examine a witness, etc.
- deed ----- an instrument conveying real property (real estate, land) to another
- deed of trust --- a deed that creates a trust
- degree ---- unit of measure for angles or arcs, used in surveying land
- deponent --- one who gives evidence, especially in writing
- depose to testify to, affirm, assert
- deposition-- an oath or affidavit; written testimony of a witness
- descendant-- an individual proceeding from an ancestor in any degree; offspring near or remote

- devise ---- a gift of real property by a will; a will, or clause in a will, granting such a gift; the property so granted
- devisee ---- person who receives land or other real property by a will
- devisor ---- the Testator; one who wills land or other real property to another
- dower (dowerright) ---- that part of a husband's property which his widow inherits for life; dowry
- dowager ---- a widow with a title or property derived from her dead husband; an elderly woman of wealth and dignity
- eminent domain --- (in law) the right of a government to take, or to authorize the taking of, private property for public use, just compensation being given to the owner.
- emigrant --- one who departs from one country to settle in another, a going out
- encroachment---- to enter gradually into the rights of another
- endow ----- to give money or property so as to provide an income for the support of a college, hospital, etc.; bequeath
- et al ----- (Latin) and others; among others (not listing all by name)
- et uxor, et ux --- and wife (used oftentimes in legal documents or indexes in place of wife's name)
- executor, executrix---person appointed or named in a will to carry out the provisions of another's will, to administer the estate of the testator for the purpose of paying all his debts. (executrix is female)
- extant still existing, not extinct
- fee ----- (law) an inheritance in land; payment asked or given for services; I charge
- fee simple-- ownership (of land, etc.) with unrestricted rights of disposition
- fee tail --- ownership (of land, etc.) restricted to a specified class of heirs
- freeholder-- owner of a piece of land, an office, etc., for life with the right to pass it on through inheritance; in early England, a person who farmed a fairly large number of acreage for which he paid rent in money
- gentry ---- in Great Britain, the class of people ranking just below the nobility; people of a particular class or group
- given name --- first or other names used or written in front of the surname
- glebe ----- land belonging to a parish church, or assigned to a minister as part of his salary
- grantee ---- one receiving a grant (land, property, etc.) by deed
- grantor ---- one making a grant, transferring ownership of property to another
- guardian --- a person to whom the law has entrusted the custody and control of the person, or estate, or both of an infant, lunatic or incompetent person
- heir ----- any person inheriting any property of a deceased person

hereditament --- any property that can be inherited

holographic will --- a kind of testamentary instrument recognized in many states as a valid will, entirely written, dated and signed by the testator in his own handwriting

homestead act --- a law that permitted a citizen of the United States, 21 years of age, to settle on 160 acres of land in the public domain, non-citizens were also able to obtain homesteads; signed as a law May 20, 1862

homestead application ---an application for generally 160 acres of land, granted under certain conditions, after residence had been proved

indenture--- a written contract or agreement; originally, it was in duplicate, the two copies having correspondingly notched edges

indentured servant --- a covenanted or indentured servant was one who engaged himself for a certain number of years of work to work off a debt, usually four to seven years

inmate ---- occupant of a dwelling or residence

instrument --- formal legal document

intercessions --- mediation, pleading, or prayer in behalf of another or others

intestate--- having made no will (term used after death has occurred)

inventory -- an itemized list of goods, property, etc., of the whole of an estate determining its worth

inverse index --- index of court cases by defendant (index is usually by plaintiff)jurisdiction--the territorial range of authority; a law court or system of law courts

landed gentry---persons owning land

legatee---- person receiving money or property as set forth in a will

letter of administration --- the act of a Probate Court or an instrument issued by a Probate Court in which an administrator, often a next-of-kin is given authority to administer the goods and estate of a deceased person, often applied for when the deceased had property, but left no will

lien ----- a claim possessed by one person against the property of another to secure a debt or contract

lieu of ---- "in lieu of" means instead of or in place of

Mason & Dixon Line - the southern boundary line of the state of Pennsylvania; a boundary between free and slave states

measure ---- (surveyor's measure)

625 sq. links	= 1 sq. pole or 1 sq. rod
10 sq. chains	= 1 acre
16 sq. poles	= 1 sq. chain
640 acres	= 1 sq. mile
36 sq. miles	= 1 township
5-1-2 yards	= W-2 feet, 1 rod, 1 perch
7.92 inches	= 1 link

100 links or 66 feet = 1 chain

10 chains = 1 furlong

80 chains = 1 mile

an engineer's chain is 100 feet long with links of one ft. in length
metes & bounds --- boundary of a specific piece of property (from a tree to a stone, etc.)

mortality schedules --- a special federal census taken June 1--May 31 preceding the regular decennial federal census (1849, 1859, 1869, 1879) listing all persons dying in that year with cause of death, age, etc.

muster roll --- a roll or register of the men in each company, troop or regiment

necrology -- a history of the dead, a register of deaths, especially in a Church
nuncupative---oral; not written

pace ----- a measure of distance, generally estimated at 2-1-2 feet, sometimes 3 ft.

patent ---- land or title to land granted; generally used for transfer of property from the U.S. government public domain to first purchaser or first individual owner(s)

perch ----- unit of measure equal to 16.5 feet (also 5 yds or 1 rod), used in surveying land

plat book -- public record of tracts of land showing acreage and ownership in map form

pole ----- a perch

poll ----- (tax) a list or register of individuals for the purpose of taxation

pre-emption application --- an application by a person who had already settled unappropriated land and who applied to obtain it at a minimum price

primary source --- record or statement of an event or circumstance made by an eye-witness or someone closely connected with that event or circumstance, recorded or stated verbally at or near the time of the event or circumstance

primogeniture --- the first born, seniority, the right or custom of the eldest to inherit to the exclusion of the younger sons and daughters

probate ---- the official establishing of the genuineness or validity of a will left, or presumably left, by a deceased person; to prove a will

prothonotary --- chief clerk or notary; a registrar; chief clerk of a court in certain states (example: Pennsylvania)

public domain --- territory or land belonging to the people as a whole under one government or dominion

quitclaim deed --- a deed in which a person relinquishes to another a claim to some property or right

range ----- in surveying, a row of townships running horizontal on the map east or west of a given principal meridian line

redemptioner --- an indentured white person who sold himself as a servant for a

	brief term of years to defray the cost of his voyage to America
relict	widow
replevin ---	the common law action or writ devised to obtain the specific chattel or thing which the plaintiff claimed was his property
rod -----	a measure of length equal to 16 feet, or 5 ½ yards; also called perch, pole
scrip -----	any of various documents used as evidence that the holder or bearer is entitled to receive something; a certificate; an allotment
secondary source ---	record or statement of an event or circumstance made by a non-eyewitness or by someone not closely connected with the event or circumstance, recorded or stated verbally either at or sometime after the event, or by an eye-witness after the event when the fallibility of memory is an important factor
shires	counties in England or Wales
sic -----	thus, so, sometimes inserted to show that the quotation is literal (used to indicate that original was actually misspelled or improper grammar)
sin,~ die----	without day, indefinitely
surname ---	family's last name; family name
Surrogate ---	the style or title of a judicial officer charged with probate of wills
survey -----	to determine the location, form, or boundaries of a tract of land by measuring the lines and angles in accordance with the principles of geometry and trigonometry; to survey land
survey plat ---	a map on which land surveys are recorded, usually one township
tertius ---	third person, third generation
testament ---	a will, formal instrument disposing of property, designed to take effect at the death of him who makes it.
testate -----	deceased person who left a will (intestate: left NO will)
testator----	person who has made a will or has died leaving a legally valid will (testatrix is a female testator)
teste -----	witness (attest is the verb:- certifies by oath or signature)
township----	a unit of territory in the U.S. land survey, generally six miles square, containing thirty-six mile-square sections, running in vertical rows, north or south of a given base line; in government, a division of a county constituting a unit of local government with administrative control of local schools, roads, etc.
transcribed ---	record copied from either an original record, microfilm of an original record, or from another transcribed, compiled or copied record
trust -----	an estate or property under the charge of a trustee or trustees for the benefit of others for a specified length of time
ux, uxor ---	wife

yeoman ----- a freeholder of a class below the gentry who worked his own land;
a farmer

archives - a place where public records, documents, etc., are kept
library - a collection of books, etc., systematically arranged, for reading
or reference

HARRISON COUNTY, (WEST) VIRGINIA, COURT RECORD ABSTRACTS

The commonwealth of Virginia to the Sheriff of Harrison County Greeting. We command you to Take David McCANN if he be found in Your Bailiwick and him Safely keep so that you have his body before the Justices of our Said County Court at the Courthouse on the Third Monday in March, 1792. To answer Ellis HUGHES of a plea of Trespass Viet armis¹ fifty pounds and have then there this Writ.

Witness Benj WILSON Clerk of our Said Court this 23d Day of Nov, 1791 & XV¹ Year of the Commonwealth

Benj WILSON

The Commonwealth of Virginia to the Sheriff of Harrison County Greeting. We Command you to summon William CARDER, Adam FLESHER, John BIBBY, Job HUGHES, Thomas HUGHES, John RADCLIFF, Jr. and Edmond WEST to appear before the Justices of our said County Court at the Courthouse on the third Monday in March next to Testify and the truth to Say in behalf of Ellis HUGHES in a Suit Depending before our Said Court wherein Daniel McCANN Stands Plt. & Ellis HUGHES is Deft and this you shall in no wise omitt under the penalty of L100 and have then there this writ Witness Benj WILSON Clerk of our Said Court this 3d Day of December, 1792 and 17th year of the Commonwealth.

Teste Benj WILSON Clk

¹ Trespass viet armis. "Trespass with force of and arms. The common-law action for damages for any injury committed by the defendant with direct and immediate force of or violence against the plaintiff or his property." Blacks' Law Dictionary, 4th Ed., 1957, West Publishing Co.

Guidelines For Genealogical Self-Improvement and Growth

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Faced with ever-growing expectations for genealogical accuracy and reliability, family historians concerned with improving their abilities will on a regular basis--

- ❖ study comprehensive texts and narrower-focus articles and recordings covering genealogical methods in general and the historical background and sources available for areas of particular research interest, or to which their research findings have led them.
- ❖ interact with other genealogists and historians in person or electronically, mentoring or learning as appropriate to their relative experience levels, and through the shared experience contributing to the genealogical growth of all concerned.
- ❖ subscribe to and read regularly at least two genealogical journals that list a number of contributing or consulting editors, or editorial board or committee members, and that require their authors to respond to a critical review of each article before it is published.
- ❖ participate in workshops, discussion groups, institutes, conferences and other structured learning opportunities whenever possible.
- ❖ recognize their limitations, undertaking research in new areas or using new technology only after they master any additional knowledge and skill needed and understand how to apply it to the new subject matter or technology.
- ❖ analyze critically at least quarterly the reported research findings of another family historian, for whatever lessons may be gleaned through the process.
- ❖ join and participate actively in genealogical societies covering countries, localities and topics where they have research interests, as well as the localities where they reside, increasing the resources available both to themselves and to future researchers.
- ❖ review recently published basic texts to renew their understanding of genealogical fundamentals as currently expressed and applied.
- ❖ examine and revise their own earlier research in the light of what they have learned through self-improvement activities, as a means for applying their new-found knowledge and for improving the quality of their work-product.

Dear Members - As this was going out the door to printer I realized this story ran last

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Issue! Sorry for wasted space!
JG

OBITUARIES FROM THE METHODIST PROTESTANT April 17, 1929

Francis M. LYNCH, prominent citizen and veteran of the Civil War, died March 12, 1929, at his home at Mayberry on Palestine Route 1, after a brief illness of pneumonia, at the age of 86 years, 9 months and 3 days, having been born June 9, 1842.

He enlisted in the Union Army January 16, 1862, Co. C 7th West Virginia Regiment, was honorably discharged March, 1865, having served 3 years and 2 months.

He was united in marriage to Frances J. SMITH, March 17, 1867, and to this union were ten children as follows: Ira LYNCH of Monongah, W. Va., Nancy LOCKHART, Julia LOCKHART, Jeff, Joe, Marvin, John and Charles LYNCH all of Palestine Route 1. Florida and Mary having preceded him to the Glory World.

He united with the M. P. Church at Hopewell, W. Va., December 28, 1867. Moved to Palestine, Wirt County and took up the work in Church and Sunday school and greatly assisted in the erection of New Home M. P. Church of which he has been a loyal supporter ever since.

He leaves to mourn his going wife, eight children, two brothers -Will LYNCH of Palestine Route 1, and Joe LYNCH of Randall, Ill., and one sister - Mrs. ADAMS also of Illinois. Twenty three grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. Also a host of friends and Neighbors.

The esteem in which Mr. LYNCH was held was attested by the large concourse of sorrowing friends who attended the funeral Friday at New Home Church which was conducted by Rev. George CALTRIDER assisted by the pastor of the church, Rev. J. F. CUNNINGHAM and Rev. K. T. BOARD. Interment followed in the nearby cemetery with the funeral rites at the grave in charge of the Jr. O.U.A.M. of Palestine of which he was a member.

Jacob H. RICHMOND was born in Marshall County, W. Va., April 10, 1843, and died March 16, 1929, at the age of 86 years, 11 months and 17 days.

Jacob H. RICHMOND and Mary YOUNG RICHMOND were married in Marshall County, June 18, 1863, and began their long journey. From time to time children joined them until there were ten; and there were sad times when death met them on the way and took two children from them, leaving the following: Mrs. W. H. SHEPPARD of Asheville, N. C.; Mrs. H. S. LEE and John RICHMOND of Orrville, Ohio; F. L. RICHMOND of Reedy; W. E. RICHMOND and Mrs. A. J. SHEPPARD, Liverpool; Mrs. G. O. BURKE, Sugar Grove, Ohio, and Mrs. R.

A. WYATT of Parkersburg.

Mr. **RICHMOND** learned to bless the Lord who gave and took away, but healed the wounds and left beautiful memories in their hearts. He joined the M. E. Church, served as Class Leader and Sunday school superintendent from time to time.

One day he and Mrs. **RICHMOND** looked about them, and lo, the children were grown up. They wondered at the swiftness of time, for it seemed that it was only the day before that they held their children in their arms. The children had taken new paths, getting married and going their own way in the world, then Mary and Jacob **RICHMOND** were alone in the world again as in the beginning. Their children came to see them, and now and again there was a new grandchild in their arms. And the grandchildren grew up as the children had, in a day, it seemed to these fine old folks. It was no time, and the day of their marriage seemed but yesterday. The grandchildren married and went their ways in the world, and to them came children also, until there were grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Mary and Jacob **RICHMOND** rejoiced in their generations and blessed the name of the Lord who in the children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren gave proof to the eternity of their lives.

Jacob **RICHMOND** saw that the days of his life were coming to an end and he prepared to die. He set his house in order and went to live with his son W. E. **RICHMOND** of Liverpool, for he wished to die among his children. And so it was, in the home of his son, he was stricken and lay for several weeks, having no fear. So amid the surroundings of his family, and with no suffering or struggling he closed his eyes and slept. And so came to the end the 66 years of companionship of Jacob and Mary **RICHMOND**.

The funeral services were conducted by Rev. J. F. **CUNNINGHAM** of LeRoy. All the children were present except Mrs. **BURKE**.

Church at Annual Gathering 2002



Attending church at Broad Run Baptist Church were: Row 1 (l-r): Maurice Allman, Bertha Wood Allman, Rebecca Allman Gamble, Wanda Tolley, Eugene Bailey, Keith McCarty. Row 2: Twyla McCue Hinzman, Carmen Bailey, Daril Stalnaker. Row 3: Barbara Swisher McCarty, Elaine Post, Joy Gregoire Stalnaker. Row 4: Alberta Dennison, Glen Gamble, and Melvin Tolley. Photo by Ralph Hinzman

The Sheriffs of Lewis County -- 1817 - 2000

1817-18 - Philip REGER
1818-21 - William POWERS
1822-23 - Peyton BYRN²
1824-25 - Thomas CUNNINGHAM
1826-27 - James KEITH
1828-29 - Henry CAMDEN
1830-31 - Samuel Z. JONES
1832-33 - John MITCHEL³
1834-35 - James M. CAMP
1836-37 - William PETERSON
1838-39 - Benjamin RIDDEL
1840-41 - Beniah MAZE
1842-43 - Michael STUMP
1844-45 - Robert YOUNG
1846 - Philip REGER⁴
1847-48 - Jacob LORENTZ⁵
1849-50 - Weeden HOFFMAN⁶
1851 - William POWERS
1885-88 - Charles A. HORNOR
1889-92 - William F. POST
1893-96 - R. H. HALL
1897-1900 - William R. JEWELL
1901-04 - Lot HALL
1905-08 - Thomas SMITH
1852 - William McKINLEY⁷
1852-56 - Minor C. HALL⁸
1856-58 - James WILSON
1859 - Abraham R. HALL⁹
1860 - James WILSON¹⁰

1861 - Joseph MATHEWS¹¹
1861-62 - Allen SIMPSON¹²
1863-66 - Allen SIMPSON¹³
1867-70 - Abraham C. HALE
1871-76 - Asa W. WOODFORD¹⁴
1877-80 - James G. VANDERVORT
1881-84 - Addison McDANNALD
1909-12 - Perry G. ALFRED
1913-16 - John A. CHITTUM
1917-20 - Roy R. HALE
1921-24 - Ollie P. WHITE
1925-28 - Roy V. CHIDESTER
1929-32 - David E. BROWN
1933-36 - Ralph E. McDONALD
1937-40 - Robert C. BLAIR
1941-44 - Oral C. FULKS
1945-48 - William E. ESKEW
1949-52 - J. Cecil OWENS
1953-56 - William D. CHAPMAN
1957-60 - Gerald L. HAYES
1961-64 - William D. CHAPMAN¹⁵
1965-68 - Gerald L. HAYES¹⁶
1969-72 - Hugh B. CLEM
1973-80 - John M. ROHRBOUGH, JR.¹⁷
1981-88 - M. Ralph HALL
1989-96 - Michael R. GISSY
1997- present - Robert A.
RINEHART¹⁸

¹The years from 1817 to 1920 researched and reported, circa 1920, by Judge Robert L. BLAND. The years from 1920 to 2000 researched and reported, in June 2000, by M. William ADLER.

²BYRN died before his term of office expired. One may question the spelling of his name. Did it, should it have had an "e" on the end, making it? In these early years of Lewis County's history, some people did not know the proper spelling of their names, although one would think a sheriff would.

³ Might it has been MITCHELL?

⁴ This is the same Philip REGER who was Sheriff in 1817-18.

⁵ LORENTZ was the owner-operator if a tannery located where is now Crises Manor.

⁶ Pioneer Weston store owner, Wealthiest man in Lewis County at this date. Forebear of EDWARDS, HARRISON, DAVISSON, WEBER, BLAIR, RALSTON, WARREN and other prominent Lewis County families.

⁷ Gave his name to the hill at the north end of Main Avenue that overlooks McGary and Haleville.

⁸ Lived in Jane Lew, in a house sitting on the site of West's Fort.

⁹ Qualified September 15, 1858

¹⁰ Elected for two years, beginning January 1, 1860. Resigned January 4, 1861.

¹¹ Elected to fill the vacancy resulting from the resignation of James WILSON.

¹² Elected October 5, 1861 to fill vacancy caused by the removal of Joseph MATHEWS.

¹³ Extraordinary lengthy of term possibly accounted for by circumstanaces of the Civil War and turmoil of the creation of new State of West Virginia.

¹⁴ Owned and Lived on a huge farm that is now all of Deerfield community.

¹⁵ CHAPMAN's second term as Sheriff.

¹⁶ HAYES second term at Sheriff

¹⁷ First Sheriff elected after the law was changed to permit a sheriff to have two consecutive terms.

LEWIS COUNTY CLERKS OF THE CIRCUIT COURT

Robert W. COLLINS.....1817 - 1821
John G. STRINGER.....1822 - 1830
Gideon Draper CAMDEN..1831 - 1834
John TALBOTT.....1835 - 1850
GIBSON J. BUTCHER.....1851 - 1858
George A. JACKSON.....1859 - 1872
W. H. BYRNE.....1873 - 1878
William G. HARRISON.....1879 - 1890
George WOOFER.....1891 - 1908
John H. CONRAD.....1909 - 1914

W. C. ALLMAN.....1915 - 1920
George WOOFER.....1921 - 1926
Ernest G. SMITH.....1927 - 1956
F. J. WALDROP.....1957 - 1977
Lela GERSTNER.....1978 - 1986
John B. HINZMAN.....1987 -
present

Notes on West Virginia 4-H ers and Jackson's Mill

by Maurice L. ALLMAN



Berlin Hustlers 4-H Club ca 1938: Front Row (l-r): Hattie Rosalee HOWELL, Jim MORRISON, Rebecca ALLMAN, Betty MORRISON, Maurice ALLMAN. Middle Row: Louise LAWSON, Josephine PERKEY, 90, Annamaude WALDECK, Mary Louise McWHORTER, Virgie MORRISON, Bruce McWHORTER, Pinkey BONNETT. Last Row: Daril STALNAKER, Wayne SMITH, Georgia STALNAKER, Eleanor ALLMAN, James DARNELL, Madeline PERKEY, Anna Ruth SWISHER, and Mrs. Rella DARNELL, the leader.

Before I was born, (which was in 1922) my Aunt Renna CRISLIP from Berlin, (who later married my Uncle Hugh LAW) from Fairview, attended 4-H camp at Jackson's Mill. She told us of having to bring canned vegetables, canned fruits, and canned meats. After meals the campers took turns to wash their dishes in wash tubs. She said that the wash water got pretty thick toward the end of washing dishes of that meal. As I recall they camped in tents.

I became a 4-Her in 1935, and was a Delaware, in the Berlin 4-H Hustlers Club. The late Mrs. Rella DARNELL was one our Leaders as was the late Carleton McWhorter. I enjoyed attending the monthly 4-H meeting, visiting with the other 4-Hers, and the many different kinds of refreshments.

I attended the Lewis County 4-H Camp at Jackson's Mill in 1935, '36, '37, '38, '39, and '40. I also attended Boys State 4-H Camp several times and received my 4-H All-Star Pin which I cherish. I have slept in all of the cottages.

I believe it was in 1940, '41, and '42 that I was asked to teach craft classes in the then Electrification Building basement and also to demonstrate the many uses of electric power to reduce labor on farms. The late "Uncle" Charley HARTLEY was the Camp Director assisted by Joe GLUCK, now living at Morgantown. I was asked to manage the Camp Store each evening. Forget an eight hour day! It was more like a 10 to 12 hour day - 6 days a week and that was normal,

Uncle Charley was good to work for. He had a way of always encouraging and also challenging his staff in camp. One day he said he was receiving some complaints from the Farm Womens Club members in camp about the squeaky flag pole pulley, and would I see that the pulley got a "squirt" of oil. So the next day the flagpole pulley did not squeek.

James COPEMAN of the Monongahela Power was also one of my supervisors who kept bringing in small farm implements that had a hand crank for manpower use. My job was to remove the crank, compute the pulley size or sizes for a shaft to reduce the motor speed for the proper and safe speed.

WV University and the Power Company shared my salary of \$8.00 per week with board and room. Compared to 10 cents a day to hoe corn or pull hay shocks for my neighbors, that was pretty good pay!

My oldest Sister, Elenore L. ALLMAN WISEMAN and my late sister Miriam H. ALLMAN CUMMINGS were 4-Hers and also worked in the kitchen of the Mt. Vernon Dining Hall.

Miriam and I each won a trip to the national 4-H Club Congress in Chicago. (That was my first trip on a train. The late Lynn SPIKER and the late I. N. "Ike" FETTY were our Leaders and they did an excellent job. As I recall I went to Chicago in 1939 and Miriam went in 1940. I won a Westinghouse Scholarship for one year at WVU. This was based on a project of determining the cost of making and using electricity on our farm. Computing the cost of a generator, 16 - 2 volts batteries every 6 years, fuel and maintenance costs compared to the costs of "city" current helped our family to encourage a more rapid rural electrification - which came up Hacker's Creek circa 1940.

Our County Extension Agents include a Mr. UNDERWOOD, and later the late Lynn SPIKER. I also recall a Home Extension Agent a Miss HARTLEY. SPIKER had an assistant whose name I can't recall but he organized a poultry judging team in Lewis County and I got on the Judging team.

In the mid to late 1930's, there was an active lady agent who helped organize tours for 4-H ers in Lewis County. It was a caravan of cars with her as leader. Most of the cars were mid 30's models. I recall the assistant agent had a 1940 model Mercury car. My dad had 1936 Ford, and the late Jim DARNELL had a 1936 Plymouth. The motor was "knocking" when we left and on the way back it stopped running. His girl friend was June LONG as I recall. Our trip was to some park on Rt 33 east.

To get home, several of us took turns pushing Jim and his car load of 4-Hers over the mountains back to Berlin. Going down grade, Jim would let it "roll", then we would catch up with him and push his Plymouth with our Ford until the heat indicator began to show "hot" then fall back for the next pusher.

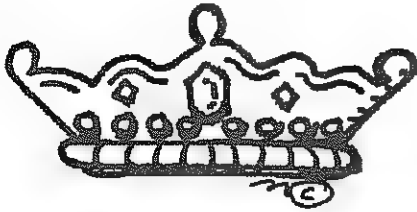
Other 4-Hers included, Bruce and Mary Louise McWHORTER, Anna Ruth SWISHER SNYDER, Dorthy SUTTON, Romona LIPPS RAMSBURG, Daril STALNAKER, Aden BONNETT, Ross MORRISON, the SMITH boys², and the WALDECK girls,

I often wonder how any young boy or girl can be successful and live a life of doing your job well and helping others with out some 4-H Club experiences!



Cary WILLIAMS and Joy STALNAKER present May WHITE with the 2002 John Hacker Award

² Harry, Burl, Wayne, and Vincent



THE ROYAL WE

The mathematical study of genealogy indicates that everyone in the world is descended from Nefertiti and Confucius, and everyone of European ancestry is descended from Muhammad and Charlemagne.

By Steve Olson

A few years ago the genealogical Office in Dublin moved from a back room of the Heraldic Museum up the street to the National Library. The old office wasn't big enough for all the people stopping by to track down their Irish ancestors, and even the new, much larger office is often crowded. Because of its history of oppression and the Catholic fecundity, Ireland has been a remarkable productive exporter of people. The population of the island had never exceeded 10 million, but more than 70 million people worldwide claim Irish ancestry. On warm summer days, as tourists throng nearby Trinity College and Dublin Castle, the line of visitors waiting to consult one of the office's professional genealogists can stretch out the door.

I suspect that many people have had a fling with genealogy somewhat like mine. In my office I have a file containing the scattered lines of **OLSONs** and **TAYLORs**, **RICHMANs** and **SIGGINs** (my Irish ancestors), that I gathered several years ago in a paroxysm of family-mindedness. For the most part my ancestors were a steady stream of farmers, ministers, and malcontents. Yet a few of the Old World lines hint at something grander--they include a couple of knights, and even a baron. I've never taken the trouble to find out, but I bet with a little work I could achieve that nirvana of genealogical research, demonstrated descent from a royal family.

Earlier this year I went to Dublin to learn more about the Irish side of my family and to talk about genealogy with Mark **HUMPHREYS**, a young computer scientist at Dublin City University. **HUMPHREYS** has dark hair, deep-blue eyes, heavily freckled arms, and a pasty complexion. He became interested in genealogy as a teenager, after hearing romantic stories about his ancestors' roles in rebellions against the English. But when he tried to trace his family further into the past, the trail ran cold. The Penal Laws imposed by England in the early eighteenth century forbade Irish Catholics from buying land or joining professions, which meant that very few permanent records of their existence were generated. "Irish people of Catholic descent are almost completely cut off from the past," **HUMPHREYS** told me, as we sat in his office overlooking a busy construction site. (Dublin City University, which specializes in information technology and the life sciences, is growing as rapidly as the northern Dublin suburb in which it is located.) "The great irony about Ireland is that even

though we have this long, rich history, almost no person of Irish-Catholic descent can directly connect to that history.”

While a graduate student at Cambridge University, HUMPHREYS fell in love with and married an Englishwoman, and investigating her genealogy proved more fruitful. Her family knew that they were descended from an illegitimate son of the tenth Earl of Pembroke. After just a couple of hours in the Cambridge library, HUMPHREYS showed that the Earl of Pembroke was a direct descendant of Edward III, making HUMPHREYS’ wife the King’s great-granddaughter twenty generations removed. HUMPHREYS began to gather other genealogical tidbits related to English royalty. Many of the famous Irish rebels he’d learned about in school turned out to have ancestors who had married into prominent Protestant families, which meant they were descended from English royalty. The majority of American presidents were also of royal descent, as were many of the well-known families of Europe.

HUMPHREYS began to notice something odd. Whenever a reliable family tree was available, almost anyone of European ancestry turned out to be descended from English royalty—even such unlikely people as Hermann GORING and Daniel BOONE. HUMPHREYS began to think that such descent was the rule rather than the exception in the Western world, even if relatively few people had the documents to demonstrate it.

HUMPHREYS compiled his family genealogies first on paper and then using computers. He did much of his work on royal genealogies in the mid-1990s, when the World Wide Web was just coming into general use. He began to put his findings on Web pages, with hyperlink connecting various lines of descent. Suddenly dense networks of ancestry jumped out at him. “I’d known these descents were interconnected, but I’d never known how much,” he told me. “You can’t see the connections reading the printed genealogies, because it’s so hard to jump from tree to tree. The problem is that genealogies aren’t two-dimensional, so any attempt to put them on paper is more or less doomed from the start. They aren’t three-dimensional, either, or you could make a structure. They have hundreds of dimensions.”

Much of HUMPHREYS’ genealogical research now appears on his Web page “Royal Descents of Famous People”.³ Sitting in his office, I asked him to show me how it works. He clicked on the name Walt DISNEY. Up popped a genealogy done by Brigitte Gastel LLOYD (HUMPHREYS links to the work of others whenever possible) showing the twenty-two generations separating DISNEY from EDWARD I. HUMPHREYS pointed at the screen. “Here we have a sir, so this woman is the daughter of a knight. Maybe this woman will marry nobility, but there’s a limited pool of nobility, so eventually someone here is going to marry someone who’s just wealthy. Then one of their children could marry someone who doesn’t have that much money. In ten generations you can easily get from princess to peasant.”

³ <<http://www.compapp.dcu.ie/~humphrys/FamTree/Royal/famous.descents.html>>.

The idea that virtually anyone with a European ancestor descends from English royalty seems bizarre, but it accords perfectly with some recent research done by Joseph CHANG, a statistician at Yale University. The mathematics of our ancestry is exceedingly complex, because the number of our ancestors increases exponentially, not linearly. These numbers are manageable in the first few generations--two parents, four grandparents, eight great-grandparents, sixteen great-great-grandparents -- but they quickly spiral out of control. Go back forty generations, or about a thousand years, and each of us theoretically has more than a trillion direct ancestors--a figure that far exceeds the total number of human beings who have ever lived.

In a 1999 paper titled "Recent common Ancestors of All Present-Day Individuals," CHANG showed how to reconcile the potentially huge number of our ancestors with the quantities of people who actually lived in the past. His model is a mathematical proof that relies on such abstractions as Poisson distributions and Markov chains, but it can readily be applied to the real world. Under conditions laid out in his paper, the most recent common ancestor of every European today (except for recent immigrants to the Continent) was someone who lived in Europe in the surprisingly recent past--only about 600 years ago. In other words, all Europeans alive today have among their ancestors the same man or woman who lived around 1400. Before that date, according to CHANG's model, the number of ancestors common to all Europeans today increased, until, about a thousand years ago, a peculiar situation prevailed: 20 percent of the adult Europeans alive in 1000 would turn out to be the ancestors of no one living today (that is, they had no children or all their descendants eventually died childless); each of the remaining 80 percent would turn out to be a direct ancestor of every European living today.

CHANG's model incorporates one crucial assumption: random mating in the part of the world under consideration. For example, every person in Europe would have to have an equal chance of marrying every other European of the opposite sex. As CHANG acknowledges in his paper, random mating clearly does not occur in reality; an Englishman is much likelier to marry a woman from England than a woman from Italy, and a princess is much likelier to marry a prince than a pauper. These departures from randomness must push back somewhat the date of Europeans' most recent common ancestor.

But HUMPHRYs' Web page suggests that over many generations mating patterns may be much more random than expected. Social mobility accounts for part of the mixing--what VOLTAIRE called the slippered feet going down the stairs as the hobnailed boots ascend them. At the same time, revolutions overturn established orders, countries invade and colonize other countries, and people sometimes choose mates from far away rather than from next door. Even the world's most isolated peoples--Pacific islanders, for example--continually exchange potential mates with neighboring groups.

This constant churning of people makes it possible to apply CHANG's analysis to the world as a whole. For example, almost everyone in the New World must be descended from English royalty--even people of predominantly African or Native American ancestry, because of the long history of intermarriage in the Americas. Similarly, everyone of European ancestry must descend from **MUHAMMED**. The line of descent for which records exist is through the daughter of the emir of Seville, who is reported to have converted from Islam to Catholicism in about 1200. But many other, unrecorded descents must also exist.

CHANG's model has even more dramatic implications. Because people are always migrating from continent to continent, networks of descent quickly interconnect. This means that the most recent common ancestor of all six billion people on earth today probably lived just a couple of thousand years ago. And not long before that the majority of the people on the planet were direct ancestors of everyone alive today. **CONFUCIUS**, **NEFERTITI**, and just about any other ancient historical figure who was even moderately prolific must today be counted among everyone's ancestors.

Toward the end of our conversation **HUMPHRYS** pointed out something I hadn't considered. The same process works going forward in time; in essence every one of us who has children and whose line does not go extinct is suspended at the center of an immense genetic hourglass. Just as we are descended from most of the people alive on the planet a few thousand years ago, several thousand years hence each of us will be an ancestor of the entire human race--or of no one at all.

The dense interconnectedness of the human family might seem to take some of the thrill out of genealogical research. Sure, I was able to show in the Genealogical Office that my **SIGGINS** ancestors are descended from the fourteenth-century **SYGGENS** of County Wexford; but I'm also descended from most of the of the other people who lived in Ireland in the fourteenth century. **HUMPHRYS** took issue with my disillusionment. It's true that everyone's roots go back to the same family tree, he said. But each path to our common past is different, and reconstructing that path, using whatever records are available, is its own reward. "You can ask whether everyone in the Western world is descended from **CHARLEMAGNE**, and the answer is yes, we're all descended from **CHARLEMAGNE**. But can you prove it? That's the game of genealogy."

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WESTWARD TO OREGON

The Story of Catherine BONNETT BUTTS of Lewis County

by Carla RIDENOUR

Editor's Note: Catherine BONNETT BUTTS was the daughter of Louis BONNETT and Mary LINGER. She married John BUTTS/BOTT 11 January 1834 in Lewis County, now West Virginia. The surname appears as BUTTS in Oregon but is generally spelled BOTT in West Virginia today.

In June of 1991, Dennis and I had the opportunity to visit the pioneer grave of his three times great- grandmother, Catherine BONNETT BUTTS. It was a strange experience and gave us a small taste of what it must have been like to actually travel the Oregon Trail.

Catherine was born on Little Skin Creek, Weston, Virginia, in 1812. She, her husband John Butts, and their seven children (approximate ages 1- 13) left for Oregon⁴ from Van Buren County, Iowa, on 14 April 1845. They traveled with the family of Samuel PARKER. PARKER was the captain of their party and also kept a brief diary of the trip. His diary entry for August 24 says, "tuck what is called the meeks Cut of misses But tuck Sick this day a bad Cut of fore all that tuck it."

The entries in PARKER's diary record many deaths and "bad road. . .more swaring than you ever heard. . .Verry bad Road. . . swareing without end. . .the worst Road you ever seen. . .Missis BUTTS worse. . . Stony all day fore miles you codent see the ground . . . " and "Missis BUTTS not expected to live."

Finally, on October 2 Parker wrote, "got to the deshutes river missis Butts dyed this day my wife and child and second daughter all sick."

⁴ Catherine and John left Lewis County in 1835. They were part of a group that included her parents, Lewis and Mary (LINGER) BONNETT; her uncle, Peter BONNETT, and his wife, Margaret LINGER; and John's father and mother, Henry and Margaret (PENNINGER) BOTT. Some of the older children of these families, already being married, remained in Lewis County. Peter BONNETT died on the trail in southern Illinois; Lewis died in Iowa and Mary returned to Lewis County. According to the *History of Vandalia* by Sam W. HARDMAN and Wm. H. PETERSON, the BONNETT brothers were "too old to become pioneers." Their reasons for going were "somewhat pathetic." In 1833, they made application for pensions for services as soldiers and spies during the Revolutionary War. They declared before a justice of peace that they were born in Hardy County in 1762 (Lewis) and 1764 (Peter). The pensions were allowed and they received some payments. According to HARDMAN, a party who subsequently was proven a notorious libeler and was run out of the country went before a justic and made oath that the BONNETTS has sworn falsely. Their pensions were revoked and they were about to be arrested. Had they remained in Lewis County and stood trial, they would have been cleared and their pension reinstated. The instance of the BONNETT brothers was no exception and numerous soldiers shared the same fate.

Catherine was buried three days later. Her grave is located in Wasco county, not far from Shearer's Bridge, on a lonely piece of land that has since become part of what is known as the Old Conroy Ranch. We had to get permission and a combination to unlock the gate before gaining access to the dusty dirt road that took us to an abandoned cabin that was within walking distance of the gravesite.

Of course when Catherine was buried there on 5 October 1845 there were no cabins, no roads, no ranch and no bridge crossing the Deschutes. Even today the only indications that civilization is close by are the ever-present power lines in the distance, a log railing that surrounds the grave and a small memorial plaque placed there by the Oregon Historical Society. Without these reminders it would be easy to forget the passage of nearly 150 years as nothing else has changed: the uneven ground is still 'powerful rocky'; the dry grass still filled with bugs and prickly weeds; and the hills, ridges and gullies still stretch for miles.

My shoes were filled with dirt and tiny rocks by the time we reached the gravesite and my shoelaces covered with nasty stickers. My legs were dirty and scratched from tumbling down one hillside and scrambling up another. I was covered with bug bites and I was tired, hungry and thirsty. It had been a long time since breakfast and I'd walked uphill for nearly a mile in the hot sun --- all minor inconveniences when I remembered that Catherine's family and the other people in the wagon train were probably without shoes when they finally stood in the same spot I was standing. And they'd walked for at least 2,000 miles in every kind of weather carrying infants and small children in their arms while all I carried was the extra battery for our video recorder. Many of them were weak or sick and all were hungry. They'd been low on food for over a month. Two days after Samuel Parker recorded Catherine's burial in his diary he wrote, "this morning nothing to eat got to the mimshen at dark got in a house with my family got something to eat this was the first day we had done without something to eat but some of the company had been without bread fore 15 days and had to live on pore beef with out any thing else I will just say pen and tong will both fall short when they gow to tell the suffering the company went through."

Seeing Catherine's grave and the land surrounding it also helped explain why they waited three days before burying her - it simply took them that long to find a flat spot of ground that wasn't solid rock.

Donna WOJCIK's *Brazen Overlanders of 1845* tells how the lost emigrants wandered through the Central Oregon area searching for a suitable way to reach and cross the Deschutes river. After finding the river, they decided the only way they could reach it was to roughlock the wagons and zigzag them downhill with dragteams behind and mounted men holding the wagons upright with ropes.

The wagons with the most seriously ill were to be taken down the hill first and transported across the river. The Butts wagon began descending the hill on October 2. Wojcik writes that about halfway down Catherine was seized with an agonizing pain but the driver (John?) was unable to stop the wagon on the steep and rugged hill and she died before it reached the bottom.

Driving down the hill to Shearer's Bridge in a car with power brakes is enough to take your breath away; it's frightening to imagine what it must have felt like in a wagon. And, when you reach the bottom of the hill, the only natural flat spot is a rocky ledge. It was on this ledge that the emigrants dismantled their wagons and used a pulley system to drag them across the river. Mary Stewart who was also in Parker's party later told the Old Ft. Dalles Historical Society, "they had to pack their wagon wheels about a quarter of a mile up stream before open ground was found in which to set the wagons up..."

Another diary tells how the Indians who were fishing along both sides of the river helped the emigrants across and told them they were only two days away from The Dalles. (Descendants of these Indians still fish in the same spot and stand on ladders hanging from the cliffs to bring them closer to the water.)

After setting their wagons up again, the emigrants had to climb another steep canyon and barren hill before reaching a spot flat enough to park the wagons and with enough dirt to dig a grave. They finally found one by a small stream about a mile from the top of what is now called Tygh Ridge. Samuel Parker's diary entry for October 5 reads: "day I got all over and went 3 miles to a small Creek heare we beried missis BUTTS and 3 more." The occupants of the other three graves are still unnamed.

It is interesting to note that when Fred LOCKELY wrote about Catherine's death and burial in the Oregonian Newspaper's "Impressions and Observations of the Journal Man" column (3 March 1935) he changed her married name from BUTTS to BEST despite the fact that He claimed to be quoting from the diary of Captain Sam PARKER. He also mentioned interviewing Sam's son, Pierce PARKER, who said he was born 25 June 1854 on his father's donation land claim, east of Salem, where the penitentiary is now located. In addition to editing Catherine's name he also edited out the spelling and grammar errors in quotes from PARKER's diary.

Festus BUTTS, born 17 April 1838, Des Moines County, Iowa, was the son of John BUTTS and Catherine BONNETT and the younger brother of Mary Ann (aka Margaret) BUTTS. Fetus was 7 years old when he and his family came to Oregon. The following information is extracted from his biographical sketch as it appears in the *Centennial History of Oregon* by Joseph GASTON:

“...The father crossed the plains from Iowa to Oregon with ox teams in 1845, accompanied by his family. This was the largest train of emigrants that had started to Oregon up to that time, there being one hundred and forty-five wagons in the train. The federal government furnished a special escort of about one hundred and twenty-five United States dragoons that traveled with them as far as Boise, Idaho, where the American Fur Company had established a post.”

Noted members of that party of emigrants were Samuel PARKER, David TETHROW, W.G.T. VAULT, Herman LEWIS, Captain STEWART and James NOBLE.

After reaching Boise the train continued on for two or three days and then divided, about forty wagons going forward under James MEEK⁵ on what he told them would be a cutoff, while the remainder journeyed by way of Burnt River and the Powder River valley, following the old route to The Dalles.

The BUTTS family went with the MEEK party and endured great hardships. The way was so difficult that many became dissatisfied. One night MEEK left the camp, fearing personal violence. Only one man, however, died as a result of his hardships, his death being caused by overeating when he reached The Dalles, his weakened stomach being unable to stand a heavy meal.⁶

While on the MEEK cut-off Mrs. James NOBLE found the gold that gave rise to the famous Blue Bucket diggings.”

....“... His (Festus BUTTS) mother had died on the MEEK cut-off and was buried in a little flat at the headwaters of the *des Chutes river, leaving the father with seven small children...”

⁵ Gston credits James MEEK as being the trail guide for Meek's cut-off. The guide's name was actually Stephen MEEK. It should also be noted that the sketch is based on information given to GASTON by Festus BUTTS over sixty years after the family came to Oregon.

⁶ The man who died from overeating was William WILSON, born ca 1808 probably in Kentucky. He died 9 October 1845 at The Dalles from overeating partially raw food. His second wife whom he had married 31 August 1834 was Mrs. Lucinda H. (CARTER) McWILLIAMS (born 2 July 1810, Woodford County, KY – died 10 May 1879 Hillsboro, OR).

DONATION.

CERTIFICATE,
No. 3331

NOTIFICATION,
No. 183

Whereas, In conformity with the provisions of the 7th Section of the Act of Congress, approved September 27, 1850, entitled "An act to create the office of Surveyor General of the Public Lands in Oregon, and to provide for the survey, and to make donations to settlers of the Public Lands," and the amendments thereto,

of the county of Washington in the State of Oregon claiming a Donation right, in virtue of the Act aforesaid, to the following tract of Public Lands known and designated in the Surveys and Plats of the United States as the claim No. 63 being, parts of sections 28, 29, 32 and 33 in T. 1 N. R. 3 W. Bounded as follows: Beginning at a point 1.76 chains North and 14.16 chains East of the NE corner of the Sec. 4 of said Section 29. Running thence West 71.12 chains, thence South 77.39 chains, thence East 68.00 " chains North 0.50 " thence East 12.95 " thence South 34.50 " & thence West 45.10 " to the place of beginning, containing 687.60 acres. The N.E. to said John Bott and the S.E. to his wife Jane Bott,

having proven to the satisfaction of the Register and Receiver of the Oregon City Land District the fact that such settlement was commenced on the 15th day of March 1850 four years prior to the date hereof; and having, in pursuance of the requirements of the 7th Section of the act aforesaid, established by two disinterested witnesses, the fact of continued residence and cultivation by the said act:

Now, therefore, be it known, That we, Owen Wade and Henry Warren Register and Receiver of Public Lands in said District do hereby, and pursuant to the 7th Section of the act aforesaid, certify to the Commissioner of the General Land Office the facts aforesaid, accompanied by the evidence thereof, in order that a patent may be issued to said claimant, for the tract of land described, as required by the 7th section of the act aforesaid:

Provided, That the said Commissioner shall

and no valid objection thereto.

Given under our hands at the Land Office at Oregon City, Oregon this 30th day of September, 1850.

Owen Wade, Register.

Henry Warren, Receiver.

John BOTT Certificate for Land Claim in Washington County, Oregon, 15 March 1850

WEST VIRGINIANS WHO HAVE DIED IN THE AKRON, OHIO AREA

A series of e-mails sent to the HCPD-L by Judi SPENCER
(Condensed by Rosie SHEETS)

It is jokingly said that West Virginia children of the 1930s, '40s and '50s, were taught the 3 R's in school: readin', ritin' and Route 21 to Ohio. The root of this joke is found in the large numbers of West Virginians of these decades who left their beloved hills where there was little employment and sought work in neighboring Ohio.

Many of these displaced "hillbillies" (a good word - not meant as a slur) return to the Mountain State after retirement; others have chosen to remain in Ohio around their children - most of whom have made their permanent homes there. The compiler of this article is one of those, as is the layout editor of the HCJ.

These obituaries are taken from the *Akron Beacon Journal* and include some from 1998, 2000 and 2001. Originally posted during the month of November 2001, these were sent as several different messages. Anyone wishing more information should contact the HCPD Library, 45 Abbotts Run Rd., Horner, WV 26372, where the full text of each of these is on file.

NOTE: (1) A few of those persons listed were not residents of the Akron, OH area at the time of death. (2) The number of children and/or siblings listed are those that are surviving. (3) If a burial site was not given, the name of the funeral home is listed, if available. (4) These are condensed in the order received.

PIERSON, James A.: 16, d. August 8, 2001. Parents: Delsie and Robert **PIERSON**. Grandparents: Robert and Virginia **PIERSON**, Lambert and Ruby **STARCHER**. 1 sister. Burial at Nebo Cemetery, Nebo, WV.

HAROLD, Bonnie M.: 85, d. August 7, 2001, b. Roane County, WV. Spouse: Thomas **HAROLD**, m. 42 years. 1 daughter, 2 sons. Buried at Hillside Memorial Park.

KING, Betty J.: 66, d. Friday, b. February 15, 1935 in Morgantown, WV. Spouse: Fred **KING, Jr.**, m. 37 years. Parents: Basis and Lucille (**MAYFIELD**) **FOSTER**. 1 daughter, 3 sons, 2 sisters. Wood-Kortright Funeral Home, Ravenna Chapel.

NESTOR NEEL, Glendia Louise: 73, d. Wednesday, Cuyahoga Falls. 3 daughters, 2 sons, 4 brothers, 4 sisters. Funeral Home, Fairmont, WV. Burial at Beverly Hills Memorial Gardens.

PHILLIPS, Aleta: 70, d. July 30, 2001, b. March 31, 1931 in Leatherbark, WV. Spouse: Okey **PHILLIPS, Sr.** Parents: Corneilius and Zannie **MATHENY**. 2 daughters, 3 sons, 2 sisters. Burial at Greenlawn Memorial Park.

HAUGHT, Hazel: 95, d. July 29, 2001, b. Ritchie County, WV. Spouse: Forest **HAUGHT**, d. 1998. 1 daughter. Burial at Rose Hill Burial Park.

DUMIRE, Pauline NESTOR: 79, d. July 28, 2001, b. April 28, 1922 in Bayard, WV. Spouse: Kenneth Durwood **DUMIRE**. Stepmother: Anne **NESTOR**. 1 daughter, 1 son, 3 brothers, 6 sisters. Burial at Uniontown Greenlawn Cemetery.

VANKE, Orpha REYNOLDS: d. July 28, 2001, b. January 7, 1909 in Roane County, WV. Spouse: Robert R. **VANKE**, d. October 6, 1944, m. December 4, 1925. Parents: William Scott and Lessie Harriet **WILSON REYNOLDS**. 1 daughter. Memorial service, Rose Hill Memorial Park in Fairlawn.

SHAFFER, Patricia J.: 64, d. July 26, 2001, b. Vienna, WV. Spouse: Ronald **SHAFFER, Sr.**, m. 47 years. Parents: Wade and Grace **EATON**. 1 daughter, 2 sons, 1 brother, 2 sisters. Burial at Greenlawn Cemetery.

SEAVER, Eleanor J.: 67, d. July 21, 2001, b. West Union, WV. Spouse: Harry (Ed) **SEAVER**, m. 47 years. Father: Ural **SWISHER**. Mother: Thelma (**SWISHER**) **STEPHENSON**. 3 daughters, 1 son, 1 brother, 3 sisters. Burial at Greenlawn Cemetery.

MILLER, Edna Jean: 80, d. July 22, 2001, b. Philippi, WV. 2 daughters, 1 sister.

SEARLS, Ethel: 56, d. July 21, 2001 in Southside, WV, b. September 23, 1944 in East Bank, WV. Spouse: Errol L. **SEARLS**. Parents: Grover C. **HUDNALL** and Minnie Mae **CURRY HUDNALL**. 1 daughter, 2 sons, 4 brothers, 6 sisters. Burial at Zion Cemetery, Gallipolis, WV.

NOICE, Katherine L. "Kate": 72, d. July 21, 2001, b. Moundsville, WV. Spouse: Thomas Ambrose **NOICE**, m. 52 years. 1 daughter, 1 son. Burial at Hillside Memorial Park.

DURICH, Mike V.: 73, d. July 20, 2001, b. Laredo, WV. Spouse: Carolyn **DURICH**. 1 daughter, 1 son, 1 brother, 2 sisters. U. S. Army. Burial at Greenlawn Cemetery, Uniontown.

CARR, Erman L.: 76, d. July 22, 2001, b. Braxton Co., WV. Spouse: Lavirn **CARR**, d. 1999. 1 daughter, 4 sons, 1 sister. Burial at Hillside Memorial Park.

CHURCH, Bernard A.: 90, d. July 18, 2001, b. Grantsville, WV. Spouse: Dessie CHURCH. 2 daughters, 1 son, 1 sister. No visitation, private burial.

SWIGER, Donald K., Sr.: 68, d. July 19, 2001, b. November 13, 1932 in Center Point, WV. Spouse: Barbara M. (REA) SWIGER. Parents: James Thomas and Viola Florence SWIGER. 2 daughters, 2 step-daughters, 1 sister. Burial at Western Reserve National Cemetery.

ENLOW, Dixie L.: d. July 20, 2001, b. January 10, 1928 in Reedy, WV. Parents: Edison O. and Margaret Cleo WATRING. 3 daughters, 2 sons, 1 sister. Burial at Tallmadge Cemetery.

LOWE, Denver L.: 77, d. July 20, 2001, b. April 28, 1924 in Reedy, WV. Spouse: Dorothy L. BISE, m. November 20, 1946. Parents: Orville and Ora (SCYOC) LOWE. 3 daughters. Burial at Hillcrest Memorial Gardens.

ROBINSON, Mary B.: 83, d. July 18, 2001, b. Mannington, WV. Spouse: James O. ROBINSON, d. 1979. 1 daughter, 1 son, 5 sisters, 1 brother. Burial at Hillside Memorial Park.

ELY, Virgielee: 84, of Clinton, d. July 18, 2001, b. Sandyville, WV. Spouse: Woodrow ELY, d. 1973. 1 daughter, 2 brothers. Burial at Clinton Cemetery

CRISS, Beatrice V. (WATSON): d. July 13, 2001, b. February 27, 1914 in Fairmont, WV. Parents: Charles O. and Eva May WATSON. 6 daughters, 1 son. Burial at Lockwood Cemetery.

HOLLEY, Bernadine: 76, d. July 12, 2001, b. West Union, WV. Spouse: Joseph HOLLEY, m. 55 years. Parents: Lennie and Leva McKINNEY. 1 daughter, 1 sister. Burial at Hillside Memorial Park.

MARCO, Anna: 88, d. July 17, 2001, b. Coalton, WV. 1 sister, 1 brother. Burial at Greenlawn Cemetery.

KEASLER (nee BURNS), Bettie Pauline: 69, d. July 16, 2001, b. November 10, 1931 in Mammoth, WV. Spouse: JACKSON B. KEASLER. 2 daughters, 1 son. Burial at Greenlawn Memorial Park.

LANE, Georgia M.: 82, d. July 11, 2001, b. Fairmont, WV. 2 daughters, 2 sons. Burial at Union Cemetery, Canal Fulton.

SPINKS, John G. 'Our Pa' 'Big John': 69, d. July 6, 2001, b. Webster Springs, WV. Spouse: Jane SPINKS, m. 50 years. Parents: John and Maggie SPINKS. 2 daughters, 2 sons, 2 sisters. Korean War. Burial at Hillside Memorial Park.

SHELTON (BROOKOVER), Vernice M.: 78, d. July 7, 2001, b. Sistersville, WV. Spouse: William **SHELTON**, m. 46 yrs. Parents: Ross and Dolly, 2 daughters, 4 sons, 2 sisters. Private services.

NEMETH, Roxie L.: 87, d. July 10, 2001, b. April 14, 1914 in Lewisburg, WV. Spouse: Stephen **NEMETH**, m. 61 yrs. 2 brothers, 2 sisters. Burial at Greenlawn Memorial Park.

SHARPE, Albert P., III: 67, d. July 5, 2001, b. Logan, WV. Spouse: Enid **SHARPE**. Parents: Albert P., Jr. and Pauline **SMITH SHARPE**. 3 sons. Burial Greenlawn Cemetery, Delta, OH.

BISHOP, Mary K: 80, d. July 5, 2001, b. Bealington, WV. Spouse: Oren **BISHOP**, d. 1991. 1 daughter, 1 son. Burial at Rose Hill Cemetery.

SUMMERFIELD, Charles R.: 62, d. July 4, 2001, b. August 12, 1938 in Spring Creek, WV. Parents: John and Lillian **SUMMERFIELD**. 4 daughters, 2 brothers, 1 sister. Burial in Elkins, WV.

TAYLOR, Arkle Densil (A.D.): 73, d. July 1, 2001, b. Pennsboro, WV. Spouse: Martha Lee **TAYLOR**. 1 daughter, 1 son. Burial at Tallmadge Cemetery.

BARNES, Lillian Margaret: 76, d. June 28, 2001, b. Cairo, WV. Spouse: Jackie **BARNES**. 2 daughters, 1 son, 1 brother, 2 sisters. Burial at Oakwood Cemetery.

PURSLEY, Helen M.: 80 of Seville, d. June 25, 2001, b. Richwood, WV. Spouse: Thomas H. **PURSLEY, Sr.**, m. 57 yrs. 2 daughters, 2 sons, 1 barother. Burial at Ohio Western Reserve National Cemetery.

LIGHT, William Gail: 65, Alliance, d. June 22, 2001, b. October 11, 1935 in Sistersville, WV. Parents: William Franklin and Minnie Opal (**GRIMM**) **LIGHT**. 2 sisters. Burial at Greenwood Cemetery, Sistersville, WV.

HAMMONS, Roy Carlis: 65, Clendenin, WV, d. Friday morning. Spouse: Patricia **HAMMONS**. 4 daughters, 1 son, 1 brother, 4 sisters. Burial at Greentown Cemetery.

ESTEP, Harold J.: 68, Perrysburg, OH, d. June 24, 2001. Parents: Delbert and Ina **ESTEP**. 1 daughter, 2 sons, 3 brothers.

FERRELL, John L.: 74, Portage Lakes, d. June 21, 2001, b. Looneyville, WV. Spouse: Patricia **FERRELL**. 2 daughters, 1 son, 1 brother. Burial at Rose Hill Burial Park.

FLEMING, Mary M.: 80, d. June 22, 2001 in San Antonio, TX, b. Monongah, WV. 1 daughter, 1 son. Services held in Sunset Funeral Home Chapel.

McNEW, Algie: 79, Canton, OH, d. Monday, b. December 3, 1920 in Grundy VA. Spouse: Clarence McNEW. 2 daughters, 1 son, 1 brother, 4 sisters Burial at Sunset Hills Memory Gardens.

BLAKE, Leora B.: 92, d. September 1, 2000, b. Braxton Co., WV. 2 sons, 1 brother, 1 sister. Burial at Rose Hill.

LYTLE, Ruby A.: 78, Canal Fulton, d. August 30, 2000, b. June 24, 1922 in Point Pleasant, WV. Spouse: Robert R. LYTLE, d. 1991. 1 daughter. Burial at Clinton Cemetery.

HERSMAN, Wanda: 67, d. August 30, 2000, b. Gandeeville, WV. Spouse: Hollie HERSMAN, d. 1990, m. 39 yrs. 1 daughter, 4 sons. Burial at Stow Cemetery.

CARPER, Billy Ray: 53, d. August 29, 2000 in Canton, b. June 12, 1947 in Spencer, WV. Spouse: Celina CARPER. Parents: O. Ray and Helen Irene PRICE CARPER. 3 daughters, 3 step-daughters, 3 sons, 2 step-sons, 1 brother, 3 sisters. Burial at Amma Cemetery in Amma, WV.

HARPER, Adam "Shorty": 77, d. August 28, 2000, b. Tucker Co., WV. 2 sisters. Burial at Hillside Memorial Park.

JERMONT, Tony: 77, Tallmadge, d. August 24, 2000, b. Clarksburg, WV. Spouse: Mary JERMONT, m. 52 yrs. Parents: Salvatore and Katherine (nee SECRETA) JERMONT. 1 daughter. Burial at Holy Cross Cemetery.

HUNT, Bonnie (FRAME): 92, d. August 24, 2000, b. January 22, 1908 in Frametown, WV. Spouse: Spencer HUNT, d. ?, m. 72 yrs, November 18, 1928. Parents: Russell Robert FRAME and Altona Margaret DOTSON. 2 daughters, 2 sons. Burial at Restland Cemetery, Kent, OH.

DAVIS, Mary L. (HARPER): of East Sparts, OH, b. January 13, 1923 in Buffalo, WV. Spouse: Earl L. DAVIS. Parents: Nathan F. and Stella M. TAYLOR. 6 daughters, 1 step-daughter, 1 brother, 3 sisters. Burial at Tick Ridge Cemetery.

Random Sampling from Lewis County Court Record Book 1832- 1837

compiled by Joan PETERS

6/5/ 1832 Court, page 5.

The persons appointed... to review the way for an alteration in the road from the corner of Elijah **SQUIRES'** fence near Nicholas **GIBSON'S'** to intersect the old road leading to Henry **RITTER'S** Mill... made their report... It is considered by the Court that the road be established as the highway. The proprietors of the land consented to the passage of the road.

12/4/ 1832 Court, page 57.

On the petition of Minter **BAILEY** Jr... license is granted [him] to keep an ordinary at the house formerly occupied by Thomas **BLAND** in this town [Weston] until the May term next of this Court.

The Court is satisfied that Minter **BAILEY** Jr is a man of good character, not addicted to drunkenness or gaming.

2/5/ 1833 Court, page 70.

Ordered that Carr **BAILEY**, George **WOOFER**, John **NICHOLAS** Sr and Isaac P. **COX**, or any three... review a way for a road from Jonathan **WOOFER'S** house to the school house on Freeman's Creek and report to the Court according to law.

3/5/ 1833 Court, page 78.

John **MITCHELL**, Gent... produced to the Court a Commission... to exercise the Office of Sheriff until the first quarterly term of the Court for 1834.

Thereupon John **MITCHELL**, with George **STRALEY**, Isaac P. **COX**, Thomas C. **HINZMAN**, John **MITCHELL** Jr, Thomas **BLAND**, Philip **COX** Jr and Robert H. **LOWTHER**, his securities, entered into and acknowledged three bonds in penalty of \$30,000.00 each... Bond ordered to be recorded.

John **MITCHELL** took the oath of fidelity to the Commonwealth, the Oath prescribed by the Act... to suppress dueling, the oath to support the Constitution of the United States and the oath of office.

3/6/ 1833 Court, page 81.

Minter **BAILEY** Jr., William **BENNETT** Jr., and Alexander **PICKENS** are appointed deputy sheriffs by John **MITCHELL**...

The Court is of the opinion that **BAILEY, BENNETT** and **PICKENS** are men of probity and good demeanor. Whereupon they took the several oaths prescribed by law.

5/7/ 1833 Court, page 93.

On the petition of Minter **BAILEY Jr...** License is granted him to keep an Ordinary at the house called the Weston Hotel in the town of Weston until the next May term of this Court.

The Court is satisfied that Minter **BAILEY Jr** is a man of good character, not addicted to drunkenness or gaming.

6/14/ 1833 Court, page 97.

From the County Levy:

William POWERS	to build bridge over Hackers Creek	4 days
George WOOFER	for team for road	1 day
Benjamin HARDMAN	6 young wolves	
Henry FLESHER	work on road 3 days @ \$1.00 a day	
John SCHOOLCRAFT	one-day team on road	
William STALNAKER	one-day team on road	
William STALNAKER	Three days team on road	
John BROWN	Timber	
John WAGGONER	one-day team on road	
Jacob COZAD	for stone and timber	
William STALNAKER	as Comr for Stinking Creek Bridge	

6/ 4/ 1833 Court, pages 99-100

Ordered that the Clerk call over the names of Justices and record the name of each Justice present and voting... for the 3rd district [as candidates for constable] William **SQUIRES**, Candidate... was declared duly elected.

7/3/ 1833 Court, page 119.

William **SQUIRES**, appointed Constable in the 3rd District, took the several oaths prescribed by law. He entered into bond with securities, conditioned according to law. The court is of the opinion that he is a man of honesty, probity and good demeanor.

12/3/1833 Court, page 162.

John **CLARK** produced credentials of his ordination and also of his being in regular Communion with the Methodist Protestant Church. [He] took the oath of allegiance and with Robert H. **LOWTHER** and John **LORENTZ** his securities, entered into and acknowledged bond in the penalty of \$1,500.00, conditioned as the law directs.

Whereupon, on his motion, a testimonial is granted him in due form.

1/7/ 1834 Court, page 168.

Ordered that Carr BAILEY be surveyor of highway in place of George WOOFER, removed.

1/8/ 1834 Court, page 171.

Ordered that Samuel Z JONES, John BAILEY and Washington BAILEY, after being duly sworn, ... view a way for road from the end of the lane where Captain John NORRIS now lives, down the east side of the West Fork River to intersect the main road at Broad Run Meeting House and report to the Court according to law.

9/5/ 1834 Court, page 183.

Ordered that Adam BAIRD, Minter BAILEY Jr, Jonathan HOLT and John LORENTZ, or any 3... view and mark a way for an alteration of road from the bridge at the mouth of Stone Coal down the south side of West Fork River to Adam FLESHER's upper meadow and report to the Court according to law.

Ordered that Minter BAILEY Jr, Johnson F. NEWLON, Adam BAIRD, Joseph MINTER and Alexander BRITTON, or any 3... view and mark a way for an alteration in road leading up Polk Creek at the lower end of Jonathan WAMSLEY's land on [Polk] Creek and report forthwith the conveniences and inconveniences thereof.

5/6/ 1834 Court, page 97.

The Court doth order it to be entered into the Order Book of their Court that they receive with emotions of profound sorrow the news of the death of George BUSH Esqr., a Justice of the Peace in [Lewis] county.

That in token of respect for his memory, they will individually wear crepe on the left arm for 30 Days and request the members of the bar of Lewis County to do the like.

6/4/ 1834 Court, page 211.

From the County Levy:

Moses WEST	repairing the Stone Coal Bridge
John PETERSON	3 index boards [road signs?]
David PETERSON	3 index boards
George H. WILSON	3 finger boards and post signs
Valentine BUTCHER	for repairing the Stone Coal Bridge
William NEWLON	for attending repairs for the Stone Coal Bridge
William BAILEY, son of Minter	one old wolf scalp

6/5/ 1834 Court, page 214.

The report was confirmed by the Court for the building of a bridge across the Buckhannon River.

8/5/ 1834 Court, page 224

Anthony SPAUR produced credentials of his ordination and of being in regular Communion with the Methodist Protestant Church... He entered into a bond for \$1,500.00, with Gideon H. CAMDEN and Philip REGER as his securities, as the law directs.

On his motion, a testimonial is granted him in due form.

9/15/ 1834 Court, page 237.

Ordered that John KEY be surveyor of the highway from the forks of the road near George H. WILSON's smith shop to the top of Buckhannon Mountain leading to Jacob LORENTZ's store in place of Samuel BONNETT, removed.

Ordered that Townsend BEALL be surveyor of highway in place of William HOLBERT, removed.

Ordered that Nicholas FISHER be surveyor of highway in place of John G. BUTCHER, removed.

Ordered that Jacob POST be surveyor of highway in place of Stephen DOBSON, removed.

Ordered that Jacob HARDMAN be surveyor of highway in place of Jacob WAGGONER removed.

Ordered that Fantleroy BALL be surveyor of highway in place of Joseph STRALEY, removed.

12/2/ 1834 Court, page 270.

Ordered that George BUTCHER, Valentine BUTCHER + Cummins E. JACKSON, after being duly sworn, do view way for a road from Captain John NORRIS, by way of Samuel Z JONES, to intersect the main road at the Baptist Meeting house at Broad Run and report to the Court according to law.

12/2/ 1834 Court, page 271

Ordered that Martin SMITH, Jesse ALLEN and Alpheus SPAUR, after being duly sworn, do view way for road from John BRADY's to the ford of Stone Coal at the mouth of Mud Lick Run and report to the Court according to law.

Ordered that James BAILEY be appointed surveyor of highway from John FLESHERS, extending below said James BAILEY's to the Harrison County line, also from John FLESHERS to the bridge across Hackers Creek and from that bridge to

a walnut tree along the meadow of Alexander WEST decd in place of John EDMUNDS, removed.

1/6/ 1835 Court, page 274.

Ordered that Jonathan HOLT be surveyor of highway from the bridge at the mouth of Stone Cole Creek to the forks of the road near the head of Rush Run in place of Moses WEST, removed.

Ordered that John TALBERT be appointed a Comr to repair the Stone Cole bridge, as to him shall seem right, the expenses to be paid out of the next County levy.

1/6/ 1835 Court, page 276.

Hezekiah STONE's Application for a Mill Dam on Little Kenawha River.

1/6/ 1835 Court, page 277.

The viewer's report was returned for a way for a road from Captain John NORRIS by way of Samuel Z JONES to intersect the main road at Broad Run Baptist Meeting house.

The Court ordered Samuel Z JONES, a proprietor of the land through which the road passes, be summoned to appear on the 1st day of February term to shew cause... why the road should not be established as the highway.

2/3/ 1835 Court, page 281.

Ordered that the road from Valentine BUTCHERS up the run to intersect the road at Samuel Z JONES be established as the highway. Proprietors of the land through which the road was to pass, were summoned and did not appear.

Ordered that the road from Samuel Z JONES to the top of the ridge towards Valentine BUTCHERS be added to John J. BRAKE's precinct. The road to be opened as a sled road.

Ordered that the road from Valentine BUTCHERS up the run to the top of the ridge leading towards Samuel Z JONES be added to NICHOLAS FISHER's precinct. The road to be opened as a sled road.

2/3/ 1835 Court, page 282.

Henry R. BONNETT produced credential of ordination and of his being in regular communion with the Methodist Protestant Church...

2/3/ 1835 Court, page 284

Jesse SHOULDERS' application for water grist mill and dam on Stone Coal Creek about 4 miles above the left hand fork.

HCPD GIFT POLICY

by Joy STALNAKER, Executive Director

It seems that rules are made to be broken. . . and when they are broken, it sometimes causes problems for all concerned. So it has happened with our HCPD "Deed of Gift" Policy. The policy created by board decision nearly a decade ago requires a "Deed of Gift" be signed for donations of ALL items other than money. It has been enforced only for the gifts of rare books and museum quality items. And even sometimes the form was not signed for these items.

Recently someone "dropped off" two boxes of manuscripts and photographs with a note about who they had belonged to but no name of the donor. They just miraculously appeared one day. On another occasion, someone donated an item and later it could not be found. None of the staff recalled ever seeing it. It would have been nice to have had a paper record of the donation. On still another occasion, someone donated some dishes. When we were donated enough dishes to serve 100+ people, we needed cupboard space and put the dishes in a garage sale. The original donor said, "Those were the dishes that I went to housekeeping with. My kids might have liked them." Had there been a "Deed of Gift", the donor would have realized that her gift was a final disposition of her right and title to the item.

Without a Deed of Gift, we cannot properly acknowledge the gift nor can we be certain that the gift is a permanent gift and not a "loan." The Deed of Gift form contains the following statement:

"I hereby irrevocably and unconditionally transfer to the Hacker's Creek Pioneer Descendants Owner/Operator of the Central West Virginia Genealogical & History Library & Museum by way of gift all of my rights, title, and interest in and the the following material(s) which I own: _____ I fully understand that this transfer gives H.C.P.D., its successors and assigns, absolute ownership of the hereinafter described property including, without limitation, full powers of reproduction, management, display, conservation, and disposition as the H.C.P.D. Executive Board shall see fit in its absolute discretion and in the full exercise of its purpose".

Henceforth, items brought in and given to the library must be acknowledged with a Deed of Gift signed by a staff member or volunteer. If items are mailed to the library, they should be accompanied with a note explaining that they are a "permanent" gift and not a loan.



Raymond's wife and our own Bonnie decked out in her purple dress (I know, you can't see color) and "partying" with us long distance during the annual gathering. (Bonnie was at home in Alabama and we were in Horner.)

THE COLOR PURPLE AND RED HATS

I noticed the other day that Addie (HICKMAN) had a birthday, as did I, and it brought to mind a piece of work by an English poet, Jenny JOSEPH, in which she outlines how she would like to live the rest of her life, with grace and humor. I remember this from a *Reader's Digest* article from back when *Reader's Digest* had more articles than ads, so it's from a long time ago.

When I am an old woman,
I shall wear purple,
With a red hat which doesn't go,
and doesn't suit me,
And I shall spend my pension on
brandy and summer gloves,
And satin sandals, and say we've no money for butter.
I shall sit down on the pavement when I'm tired,
and gobble up samples in shops and press alarm bells,
And run my stick along the public railings,
And make up for the sobriety of my youth.
I shall go out in my slippers in the rain
And pick the flowers in other people's gardens,
And learn to spit....
But maybe I ought to practice a little now?
So people who know me are not
too shocked and surprised,
When suddenly I am Old
and start to wear purple!

So now, Addie, we are both old enough, we can wear purple, spit on the sidewalk, and generally misbehave, and it will be passed off as "going through a second childhood." Only we will know better, right? Happy Birthday belated, but just as sincere.

- HCPD-L e-mail from Raymond WARE

David J. JACKSON

by

Nancy A. JACKSON

David J. JACKSON, second child of John Jr. and Rebecca HADDAN Jackson, was probably born between 1788 and 1793. His brother, Edward HADDAN JACKSON, was born on March 4, 1787, eleven months after John and Rebecca's marriage on April 10, 1786. Their third child, Sarah was born on January 1, 1794.

The saga of David's life begins with the 8th devise of John Jr's will in which is stated: *"I devise to my son David J. JACKSON, two hundred acres of land on Turkey Run, in said County of Lewis, whereof he has possessed, it being the upper part of my resident right to have and to hold the same power."* His younger sister Sarah IRELAND, wife of Alexander IRELAND was devised two hundred acres adjoining David, being the lower end of the resident right whereof they have possession.

The lives of David J. JACKSON and his brother-in-law, Alexander IRELAND, were intertwined. In March 1817 George CASTO and his wife Sarah of Lewis County conveyed to Alexander Ireland and David J. JACKSON, for the sum of \$12.00, lot 12 in the town of Buckhannon on the Buckhannon River.⁷ Alexander Ireland became involved in other business transactions of David J. JACKSON.

In November 1818, Nicholas WEATHERHOLT and his wife Mary of Wood County, Virginia conveyed to David J. JACKSON 29 acres on Big Sand Run formerly Randolph County, Virginia, then Lewis County, Virginia. The tract was on the Buckhannon River adjoining said WEATHERHOLT. The consideration was \$29.00 in hand.⁸ In another transaction the same month Nicholas WEATHERHOLT and Mary, his wife, of Wood County sold to David J. JACKSON of Lewis County 243 acres for \$900.00. This tract also on Big Sand Run was where Nicholas resided. Samuel OLIVER, attorney for Benjamin DILL, conveyed it to him.

Nicholas WEATHERHOLT died intestate in Wood County, Virginia shortly after the conveyance of these two tracts. His wife Mary, who had signed the deeds with her mark, was appointed administratrix of husband's estate. She filed several chancery suits against David J. JACKSON. Thomas TAVENNER, Sheriff of Wood County, who claimed to be an appointed administrator of Nicholas WEATHERHOLT's estate, filed one case against David. In her bill, Mary claimed notes executed by David J. JACKSON at the time of conveyance of the land had not been paid and had been executed without security for a part of the purchases. This series of chancery suits in Lewis County revealed more about

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WEATHERHOLT tract of land were said to have been signed in 1818 by David J. JACKSON. This would indicate he might have resided in Nicholas County as early as 1818. David J. JACKSON was a trustee of the Old Baptist Church in Buckhannon when he resided in Randolph County.

However, his saga does not end with these cases. The Lewis County chancery records led a "paper chase" in Braxton and Nicholas Counties. No further information was found in Braxton County possibly because some of their records were burned in a courthouse fire. It was a different story in Nicholas County where deeds and three chancery cases against David J. JACKSON proved fruitful.

*Joseph SKIDMORE vs David J. JACKSON et al,*¹⁰ the orator or complainant stated "that at the time of the sale of said land and mills by your orator on the 19th Feb. 1824 sd JACKSON entered and took possession thereof. That in the spring of 1832 the sd JACKSON sold a moiety of sd land & mills to certain Lorenzo D. CAMDEN who was at the time of his purchase fully apprized that the sd JACKSON had not paid your orator the purchase money." The orator stated that JACKSON was much embarrassed in his circumstances with a view to defraud his creditors and to destroy the lien of your orator upon the lands and mills. It was claimed that JACKSON made a fraudulent sale thereof to a certain Alexander R. IRELAND. The orator further stated JACKSON was still in possession of the land or mills except for the moiety of sd CAMDEN. Also, William ELLISON had possession of a small portion of said land on which he created a tanyard in partnership with JACKSON, and stated these conveyances have not been recorded. During the September term 1837, the jury made a judgement for the defendant. The two to three acre tract involved in this case was on Elk River and was sold to Joseph SKIDMORE by John D. SUTTON. SKIDMORE built a sawmill and gristmill on the land. However, SUTTON had not conveyed to SKIDMORE a title in fee simple. In JACKSON's answer to the orator's bill, he claimed he was not insolvent and at the time of the sale SKIDMORE had debts that JACKSON paid to be applied to the purchase money. David stated a settlement took place on 28 February 1825 at Weston, Lewis County.

An agreement in the file gives insight into aspects of the mill and is herein transcribed.

Article of agreement made and entered into the 19 day of July 1823 between Joseph J SKIDMORE of Nicholas County and David J. JACKSON and Jacob COZAD agent for said JACKSON. Boath of Lewis County all three of the state of Virginia wittneseth that said SKIDMORE hath bargained and bound himself to build a compleat butman at the s--- of a certain saw mill on Elk River near John D. SUTTON's in manner and form and hight as said agent shall direct-Also sd SKIDMORE binds himself to build and erect a Tub Mill in the frame of said saw mill to

¹⁰ Nicholas County C File Case 14 #2

find himself in boarding --and find all the materials for said Tub Mill he is to have the --and--of an old mill which was built near the said place which one to be put in the new mill also the old mill frans and stons is not bound to dress said stons only bring them fit for grinding the p-- of said Tub Mill with a Compleat Pattent wheel as other works conacted and in anywise belonging to said mill is all to be done in completed workman like manner the whole works to be compleated against the first day of September next and said Jacob COZAD Agent for said David J JACKSON bind himself to payments sd SKIDMORE fifty seven dollars -----to sd Jackon and sd SKIDMORE Article of partnership as soon as said work is compleated to all and singular the above we bind ourselves in the penal sum of one hundred 15 dollars as wittness and hands and seals this day and year first written. Signed Joseph J SKIDMORE and Jacob COZAD. Witness: Quinton BAILEY.

Additional information regarding the mills was found in an 1833 file, *Robert DUFFIELD & John FRAME vs David JACKSON*.¹¹ The orators claimed a breach of covenants. The orators stated they had entered into agreement on 2 Aug. 1822 with D J alias David J. JACKSON. The agreement was that R. DUFFIELD and J. FRAME were to sink the saw mill frame on Elk river located on a lot adjoining J.D. SUTTON and Benjamin SKIDMORE lands three feet lower then it is now "and build a good grist mill and saw mill on the reacting plain; which the said R. DUFFIELD & J. FRAME is to have the said mill and grist mill completely finished in workman order with forebays and necessary gates --against the last of October next meaning next after the date of said agreement and put said mills in operation if a sufficiency of water and if not to put them in operation as soon as the water comes sufficient to work them and said D. J. JACKSON on his part is to have the timber hewed and drawed on to the mill lot for any framing which may be wanted except the timber for the running gears for said mills and flooring over the water wheels which stuff the said JACKSON is to have drawed and said JACKSON is also to have the under frame put in for the saw mill and find the mill irons for said mills and the said JACKSON is to pay to the said R. DUFFIELD and J. FRAME the sum of one hundred and thirty seven dollars" ---Payment method was outlined in the orator's bill.

Another case in 1835 *Martin H. COBERLY vs David JACKSON and others* claimed fraudulent transactions by David JACKSON.¹² COBERLY accused David J. JACKSON with fraud of the "blackest die" in the procurement of a settlement between them and stated David had assigned the fraudulent settlement to one Alexander R. IRELAND his brother-in-law. In a deposition Wm. Coker stated he was requested to take some papers to Mr. IRELAND. It appears COBERLY was

¹¹ L File 8 Case 21

¹² Nicholas Co. C File 2 Case 16 #2

indebted to JACKSON who in turn was indebted to IRELAND. Therefore, David transferred a deed of trust to IRELAND. Quinton BAILEY in his deposition was asked about boat timbers sawed on David J. JACKSON's land for Martin H. COBERLY to build a boat for JACKSON. In the process of questioning, Quinton stated, *JACKSON having undertaken to furnish me with gunnels timbers and plank for a boat I sold to PETERSON. He JACKSON told me he got the gunnels and timbers of said COBERLY.* Quinton was asked, *From your own knowledge as you have done a great deal of work for David J. JACKSON is - or is he not in the habit of practicing fraud on people he has dealings with.* Quinton replied, *He is to my certain knowledge.* After additional questioning Quinton claimed JACKSON had practiced fraud on him.

Nathan DAVIS testified he had heard David J. JACKSON say he had hired Martin H. COBERLY to work at the mill five or six months for \$15 per month and the amount was to be applied to the Deed of Trust but then he heard JACKSON say he would not credit the Deed of Trust. Joseph SKIDMORE's deposition was similar except there was no mention of David saying he would not apply money to the Deed of Trust. These two depositions were excepted. Jesse SKIDMORE and James SUTTON testified according to Nathan DAVIS' testimony.

According to Benjamin SKIDMORE, Martin H. COBERLY bought yoke of cattle of David J. JACKSON and in exchange was to build JACKSON a boat. Andrew SHERRET testified that David JACKSON had showed him his accounting book and that COBERLY was not given credit against the Deed of Trust. Upon questioning David about some entries, the book was snatched from Andrew's hand. In one of the depositions it was stated that in the latter end of May or beginning of June 1833 Mr. IRELAND was living on Elk at Suttonsville. In 1835 this case was dismissed.

Thus, David J. JACKSON's business transactions were tainted with claims of fraud. As a young lad and young man David probably worked in his father's mills on the Buckhannon River. Perhaps he was acquainted with his Uncles Edward and George JACKSON's mills along with the business enterprises of his cousin John George JACKSON. Nevertheless it seems that David became trapped in a series of suits claiming fraudulent business transactions. In Nicholas County he resided in Suttonsville, which became part of Braxton County in 1836. Settlement papers of his estate were never found and were possibly destroyed in the courthouse fire in Braxton County.

The following deeds are recorded Nicholas County, West Virginia:

- 1) 1825 D.J. JACKSON executed to Alexander R. IRELAND a title bond for property he had erected a grist and sawmill on and was located in a part of the town of Suttonsville. It was stated the purchase money had been paid for the land. Consideration was for one dollar. The bottom of the

document had 10 Oct. 1831 as the date it was signed and sealed by David. Bk2:484

- 2) May 13, 1828 John D. SUTTON & Sarah his wife to David J. JACKSON for \$500 21 A by Elk River, part of G—nny Creek. There were appurtenances.
- 3) May 15, 1828 Benjamin SKIDMORE to David J. JACKSON, both of Nicholas Co. 11 acres more or less on Elk River. BK2:60
- 4) Nov. 3, 1828 David J. JACKSON executed to Joseph G. SKIDMORE his title bond for lot #7 in town of Suttonsville, Nicholas Co. BK2:483
- 5) Nov. 4, 1828 Jesse SKIDMORE and Elizabeth his wife sold to David J. JACKSON for \$10 a tract of land containing 16 poles in the town of Suttonsville bounded at one point by David's line. There were appurtenances.
- 6) June 13, 1833 David J. JACKSON sold to Robert HAMILTON lot #4 in town of Suttonsville for \$5.00
- 7) June 25, 1833 David J. JACKSON sold to Wm. D. COTTLE lot # 15 in town of Suttonsville for \$15. There were appurtenances. Bk3:170.

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WHAT ABOUT LEAP YEARS? - If leap years are involved and Feb is one of the months, special care is necessary. Example: Ruby Smith died March 5, 1904, aged 19 years, 7 mo, 10 da.

1. Starting with 5, (day of death) as 0 count backwards to 10. In order to do this we had to go into the preceding month, which was February. 1904 was a leap year so Feb had 29 days. Hence from 1 we went to 29, 28, etc. 10 days finds us at 24.

10	24	
09	25	
08	26	
07	27	Jul
06	28	Aug
05	29 (Feb)	Sep
04	01(Mar)	Oct
03	02	Nov
02	03	Dec
01	04	Jan
00	05 Mar 1904	Feb

Starting with Feb (rather than Mar) as 0, we go backwards until opposite 7, for the months. This takes us to July. We did go into the preceding year so we subtract 1 from 1904 and subtracting 19 from 1903 gives 1884. So Ruby was born 24 July, 1884.

Patriotism in Lewis County

submitted by Dick DePRIEST



Civil War soldiers in Weston 2002 style
No red white & blue aprons were around
but there were plenty of American flags

In cleaning up some of my files I ran across this. My Aunt Pearl DePRIEST wrote this in 1902 as a school English assignment when she was 11 years old. It is a true story about her mother's childhood experience during the war in Lewis County.

"The thrill which comes to one at a time of high tension when the national colors are displayed is very real to small children. Mother was ten years old when the civil war broke out, and her home being in eastern West Virginia not far from the Shenandoah Valley, she witnessed many troop movements. It was Grandmother's custom to stand at her gate and pass out water to the marching soldiers. Mother's duty was to fill the pails from a near-by spring, and she conceived the idea that it would be quite the proper thing for her to have a red, white and blue apron to wear while she helped refresh the soldiers.

Accordingly, grandmother made the apron with its skirt of red and white stripes and its blue bib on which were white stars. How anxiously mother waited for an opportunity to wear her prized apron, and shortly afterwards that opportunity came. Mother's heart beat high as the officer in command of the company called upon his men to salute the little girl who wore the red, white, and blue apron.

And a still greater honor came to her. One of the soldiers who stopped for a drink asked if he might have the apron to take home to Ohio to show the little girls there how patriotic the girls of West Virginia were. Mother took the apron off; the soldier tied it to his bayonet and his comrades cheered lustily. Mother says now, in telling the story, her throat was tight and her eyes so dim she scarcely saw her apron fluttering on down the street."

(Note: Mother was Celina SMITH DePRIEST, Grandmother was Tabitha McWHORTER SMITH)

From Revolutionary War Pension Records, Volume 1, Part 2

Filed in West Virginia Archives and History Library

JARVIS, John

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(or 386B)

Virginia

Lewis County, To-wit:

John JARVIS, who wishes to be inserted on the pension list roll, makes the following statement under oath:

viz:

That he is 68 years of age and lives in Lewis County, Virginia; That he enlisted during the Revolutionary War under a certain Bennett MATTHEWS in Baltimore County in the State of Maryland; that the said MATTHEWS was a captain and had command of a row Galley; that this affiant went on board of the said Galley three trips to Norfolk, Portsmouth and Hampton, in Virginia; that he also went three trips on board said Galley to little York; that he served about one year and then he purchased a white servant of a certain James SCOTT of Baltimore County, which was accepted as a substitute for this affiant and he honorably discharged; that he has lost his said discharge by accident. Affiant further states that he went his first trip under a certain Captain DAVY on board a French galley; that he was employed three months that trip; that his next trip was on board a galley commanded by the said MATTHEWS under whom he had previously enlisted. Affiant further states that he is unable to prove his said services in his immediate county or elsewhere, as he fears unless he can prove it by a certain Robert STURGEON and a certain Catherine JARVIN. This affiant further states that he enlisted on Saint Patrick's Day together with about nine others he does not now recollect the year but recollects the names of some of those who enlisted with Viz:

William MILES, James HUGHES, John ELLIS, Edward REED, Mitchell WHEELER, Thomas MUNHEWS or MONHON and John his brother and John STEPHENSON are all he now recollects.

Affiant further states that he has a wife who is old and infirm and two helpless daughters one of which is very sickly, that he is poor and some times in need of assistance of his country for his support.

his

John (x) JARVIS
mark

I John JARVIS do solemnly swear that I was a resident citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March, 1818. That I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof, with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself

COMPUTING BIRTH DATE FROM TOMBSTONE DATA

(Adapted from method suggested by William SAUSAMAN, Springfield, IL 1974)

Many times in using older tombstone records one finds data like this:

"Abner Jones, died 17 February 1909, aged 61 yrs, 9 mos, 27 da." You want to find out when Mr. Jones was born.

One way of figuring it follows:

1. Take a sheet of lined paper. About the middle of the page and toward the bottom, write the date of death in genealogical order--day, month, year. To the left, write 0, on the line above write 1, and continue upward until you have the largest number given for days or months (27 in this case).
2. On the line above the date (17) write 16, above that 15, etc. backwards until you are opposite the number of days given (27). (When you got to 1 you went back into the preceding month, January, which had 31 days. So, above the 1 you had to write 31, 30, etc.) By doing this, you find that you wrote 21 opposite the 27 and you need go no further.
3. The Feb we originally had has now changed to Jan so write this on the line opposite 0: write months upward in reverse order--Jan, Dec, Nov, etc. We find that April comes opposite the 9 (number of months given)
4. When we went from Jan to Dec we went into the preceding year, so we must subtract 1 from the year of death; 1909 thus becomes 1908. Subtracting 61 from this gives 1847. So with these figures we can write down that Mr. Jones was born 21 April 1847. (It's a good idea to check your figures the other way and see if you end up with the given date of death.)

27	21		13	04	
26	22		12	05	
25	23		11	06	
24	24		10	07	
23	25		09	08	Apr
22	26		08	09	May
21	27		07	10	June
20	28		06	11	July
19	29		05	12	Aug
18	30		04	13	Sep
17	31	(Jan)	03	14	Oct
16	01	(Feb)	02	15	Nov
15	02		01	16	Dec
14	03		00	17	Feb 1909 Jan

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????? QUERIES ?????

1. I am looking for information on my great-great grandfather, Richard OSBORNE. The information on this obituary is all that I have on him- Have no idea what the last name of his second wife was and I'm hoping it will be in the census. of Taylor county.

Thought the hand written obituary by Flemington was interesting since there is a Town close by with same name. And notice Irontown is not on the map.

Will appreciate any information that you can find and will certainly be willing to Pay for the time or a donation to your genealogy society. Janet MORTSFIELD, RR2 Box 106, Patoka, Ill, 62875 e-mail <jjmorts@ussonet.net>

OBITUARY OF MR. RICHARD OSBORNE: Grandfather of Mom WALKER

The deceased was born in Fayette County, Pennsylvania, May 14, 1820. With his parents, when seven years of age he moved to Monongalia County, West Virginia. Where he lived some years.

He was a citizen of Taylor County, West Virginia. Some 10 or 12 years ago he settled at Irontown and built at first a saw-mill and afterwards changed it to a grist mill. This he had been running for over two years. he was quite mechanical in his tastes and there were few that could excel him in mechanical skill.

About the first of September he received a telegram summoning him to the bedside of his sick daughter, Mrs. LUCAS, in Marion County, Illinois. At once he hastened to see his daughter and only child. But soon the father was stricken down with a severe illness and in a few days passed from earth away.

The deceased for many years was an exemplary member of the Baptist Church. His loss will be sorely felt in the church and in the community where he lived. He has left quite an aged mother to mourn the loss of another child. He also leaves a much sorrowing widow (second wife) and many friends to mourn his loss.

The Lord can heal. Ah how soon dear ones are snatched away. Today they are with us in joy and hope tomorrow they are forever to this life. How little we know of the future.

The writer over twenty years was acquainted with the deceased. We first met him in the city of Winchester where he had gone to care for a sick and dying brother. For a brother he braved the pestilence of the hospital and when dead he bore the remains of his brother to the land of his home in Taylor County, West Virginia.

Sleep on dear ones thy rest has come. God will call thee from the dust to reign triumphantly in the skies.

- Flemington

Buried in Harrison Cemetery. Richard and Ellen OSBORNE was married in Fayette County, Pennsylvania, and had one daughter, Sarah. Ellen OSBORNE died when Sarah was small and she was raised by her father's sister and her mother's relatives "Sam BRITT and Elza PEDDICORD! (Sarah's aunt and uncle). He later married Susan - Grandma LUCAS called her step-mother, Aunt Susan. Richard OSBORNE's sisters were: Mary POE - Lizzie POE (Mary's daughter)

2. Please can anyone identify this class?, its of a school probably in Wood or Jackson County, WV taken abt. 1915, supposedly Melvina WOOMER/WOMER is one of the girls in the picture. Thanks. Jane BOUCHER 406 Schoolhouse Rd. East Stroudsburg, PA 18301, OR valjan@ptd.net.



3. I am searching for the death records of Isaac PRITT and wife Margaret (HANSEL) PRITT. Deaths in 1870s in Upshur county. Will PRITT, 21730 US HWY 19s, Ireland, WV 26376 email willjunepritt@neumedia.net

4. Looking for info. On Mason Chesney MYERS, b: June 04, 1850-Weston, Lewis Co.,W.V and Almira SHEPPARD MYERS, b: Sept 1857 place unknown, d: unknown and their children: Solomon Jacob MYERS b: 1882; John Lewis MYERS b: 1884 mar: Myrtle FISHER; Mary Jane MYERS b: 1886; George Mason MYERS b: 1888; Ralph Earl MYERS b: 1890; William Simpson MYERS b: 1893. Any info. will be greatly appreciated. Mary SMITH McDIFFITT, 602 Farm Ct., Morehead City, N.C. 28557-3148, MMcdiffitt@aol.com

3. William Johnson CLARKSON (B 01 Jan 1837 either Essex or Middlesex County) to Benjamin and Fanny GAMES CLARKSON; William married Maria MASON, daughter of William F and Jane THAYER MASON. They all are buried at

Mt Zion Cemetery, near Marquess, Preston County. I found William's death notice in the Preston County paper Preston County Journal, Aug. 24, 1882:

"The same paper (St. George Democrat) says that William Mason, of Guinea settlement, Preston County, died at the residence of his son in law, Wm. Marcus, of this county, Sunday morning." What is the St George Democrat? Which county? I am trying to verify the ancestry of William MASON. Mary CLARKSON BUCKHOLTZ, HCR 62 BOX 7, Belle Fourche, SD 57717

4. My Great Grandfather Granville W. WEST b.9 Feb.1844 migrated from Lewis County to Roane County in the 1880's. I am trying to determine his middle name. His parents were Edmund and Emily SLEETH WEST. In reviewing the SLEETH listing in Don NORMAN's pages I note there was a brother of Emily named Granville Wallace SLEETH. I believe that my Great Grandfather was named after his uncle and that his full name was Granville Wallace WEST. However, when I first started research I found him listed as Granville William WEST on the Family Search site. I attempted to write to the submitter but the letter was returned showing "moved, no forwarding address" Do any of the WEST or SLEETH researchers have the correct middle name. Charles W. WEST, 4070 Bakman Ave., North Hollywood, CA 91602-3302, e-mail: c68west@aol.com

5. Phebe Ann HOWE was married to Andrew Burns PARSONS September 5, 1844 by Rev. David BEST (probably in Tucker or Hardy County, WV but I don't know where for sure). She was born June 29, 1821, in NY and died July 28, 1881, in Chualar, CA but lived from the time of her marriage until 1876 on the PARSONS plantation in Tucker County, WV. Andrew Burns PARSONS was the son of James PARSONS and Nancy RUST. I don't know the parents of Phebe Ann HOWE nor how she came to be in WV. Looking for info on Phebe Ann HOWE. Contact: Dick ROSS at rosscard@nycap.rr.com or at Two Chinquapin Ave, East Greenbush, NY 12061

6. Looking for information on John RICHARDS. Born about 1819 or 1822, possibly Harrison County. Married Jane McQUAIN in 1850 in Gilmer County. One of his children was Mary Catherine RICHARDS, who married Charles Osborne BOWYERS. John fought in Civil War. Died 1864. Buried at Annapolis National Cemetery. Need information on John's parents, etc. Don't know anything about his background. He is my gr-gr-gr grandfather. He's supposedly all or part Native American, reportedly Sioux. Reply to T. STRADER, 297 Spring Valley Drive, Berkeley Springs, WV 25411.

7. Am looking for any information on Alpheus NAY born 1845, died 1934 in Harrison Co. and his wife, Deem HADDOX. They had a son Joseph NAY. Alpheus may have been born in Wetzel Co. Any help will be greatly appreciated.

Charlotte FLEMING, 8521 Shiloh Street, Tuscon, AZ 85710.

<dcfleming@Cox.net>

8. Seeking any information concerning my ancestors. Grandparents - Permelia Catherine KELLEY (25 Nov 1863/Braxton Co - 23 Nov 1946/Barbour Co) m. Thomas David JONES (30 Sep 1849/Wales - 33 Mar 1906/Barbour Co) and had seven children. Great-grandparents: William Lewis KELLEY (30 Sep 1837 - 16 June 1919/Braxton Co) m. 2 Jun 1858 Louisa CUNNINGHAM (30 June 1837/Lewis Co - 8 Oct 1895/Lewis Co). G.G. Grandparents David KELLEY (23 Jul 1816 - 24 Mar 1898/Braxton Co) m 27n Dec 1836 Jane DAVIS (2 Aug 1818 - 24 Oct 1899/Braxton Co). G.G.G. Grandparents Thomas DAVIS, Sr. m. Nancy BAKER of Baltimore. Thomas Sr. served in Revolutionary War - no proof. G.G.G. Grandparents John CUNNINGHAM(c 1766/7) m. 29 Dec 1787 Frances BLAND, b c 1770, d/o Jesse BLAND. Donalyn S. DOWMAN, 24807 Electric Drive, Bay Village, OH 44140-2718

9. Grayson SCHOOLCRAFT married with three children, died in an explosion of the Catherine Coal Company Mine No. 4 at Lumberport, near Shinnston, March 22, 1944. From "They Died in the Darkness" by Lacy A. DILLON. The conditions at the mine following the explosion were so hazardous that the mineshaft was sealed. Some time later the mine was opened, the bodies removed and sent to a mortuary in Fairmont. Does anyone have any reference to this mortuary or cemetery? Thank you in advance for your help. Jim SCHOOLCRAFT, 22573 Old Rolling Rd., California, Md. 20619 schoolcrafts@olg.com

10. This is a long shot since it is outside the normal territory of HCPD but I thought I would give it a try anyway. The following is an excerpt of an obituary. "McQUISTON, Robert Sherwood, Jr., 55, of Weirton (Brooke County), died Monday, January 24, 2000, at home. He was a carpenter, a Catholic, and a Marine Corps veteran. He was preceded in death by his parents, Robert Sherwood McQUISTON Sr. and Lydia Katherine LYONETTE McQUISTON. " I am interested in finding some information regarding the ancestors of Lydia. I am just starting research with this line so any information would be helpful. Thank you in advance for your help. Jim SCHOOLCRAFT, 22573 Old Rolling Rd., California, Md. 20619 schoolcrafts@olg.com

11. Simeon KUYKENDALL (born about 1790, probably in Randolph County, WV) married on May 10, 1810 in Randolph County, WV, Prudence GRAHAM (born July 16, 1793 in Randolph County, WV). She was the daughter of Mark GRAHAM (or GRIMES) and Nancy CUNNINGHAM. Simeon and Prudence had at least eight children. Who were the parents of Simeon KUYKENDALL? Contact: Dick ROSS at rosscard@nycap.rr.com or at Two Chinquapin Ave, East Greenbush, NY 12061

12. William LEWIS (born 1843 in VA, or likely WV) married 1862, Mary N. HINKLE (born about 1847 in VA, or likely WV). He may be the son of Andrew LEWIS and Mary Elizabeth FORINASH. William and Mary had 12 children. Who were the parents of William LEWIS? Dick ROSS at rosscard@nycap.rr.com or at Two Chinquapin Ave, East Greenbush, NY 12061

13. I'm curious to see if anyone has any matching links. Going back from my generation, my father was Paul, his father was Asa Brown HARRIS, of Gilmer County, and his father was Jacob, who is in Don NORMAN's files. Jacob's brothers and sisters were William, who married (1) Rebecca WILLIAMS and (2) Mary KELLY; Phoebe, who married Mortimer ANGLIN; Silas; James N.; and Margaret, who married Pete DUFFY. They lived in Barbour County. Jacob said he was from Augusta County, but his marriage certificate says it was Hardy County. Jacob and his family moved to Gilmer County after the war. Jacob was married to (1) Mary Jane ANGLIN and (2) Maria Whiting DAVIS

The line back from Jacob goes, I think, George, Jr., married to Elizabeth YANCY; George, Sr.; and John. From there it may be another John. Sometimes Simeon is mentioned, but I think he is a parallel line. George Jr. was born in 1805, I think in Rockingham County. I believe the family to be Scotch-Irish. It would be nice to know from where they left the British Isles. Robert HARRIS, ruh304@msn.com, 5371 Karen Circle West, Charleston, WV 25303



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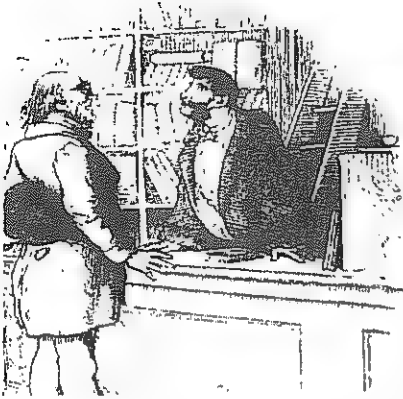
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